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## Mapping the Spreading Ink: A 7th Grade Westward Journey Quiz

Stop the clock and identify the physical and political shifts of 19th-century expansion before the final frontier closes forever.

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**1. Which geologic feature acted as the primary obstacle for travelers on the Mormon Trail heading toward the Great Salt Lake?**

- A. The Appalachian Mountains
- B. The Rocky Mountains
- C. The Everglades
- D. The Ozark Plateau

**2. The Gadsden Purchase was an agreement between the United States and Mexico to secure land for a southern transcontinental railroad route.**

- A. True
- B. False

**3. The concept that the United States was divinely destined to expand across North America is known as \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Popular Sovereignty
- B. The Great Awakening
- C. Manifest Destiny
- D. The Monroe Doctrine

**4. Before becoming a U.S. state, which territory spent nine years as an independent nation called the Lone Star Republic?**

- A. California
- B. Texas
- C. Oregon
- D. Florida

**5. In 1846, the United States and Great Britain settled a boundary dispute over the \_\_\_\_\_ Territory at the 49th parallel.**

- A. Louisiana
- B. Dakota
- C. Oregon
- D. Gadsden

**6. The 'Exodusters' were African Americans who migrated from the South to Kansas in the late 1870s to escape racial violence.**

- A. True

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B. False

**7. Which unique form of housing was common on the treeless Great Plains for early homesteaders?**

- A. Log cabins
- B. Sod houses
- C. Brick townhomes
- D. Stilt houses

**8. The discovery of silver in Nevada, known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Lode, brought thousands of miners to the West in 1859.**

- A. Comstock
- B. Pike's Peak
- C. Klondike
- D. Sutter's

**9. The Pony Express was the primary method of cross-country communication for over 50 years.**

- A. True
- B. False

**10. What 1848 treaty ended the Mexican-American War and resulted in the U.S. gaining the 'Mexican Cession'?**

- A. Treaty of Paris
- B. Treaty of Ghent
- C. Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
- D. Adams-Onis Treaty