

A Nation on the Move

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Review of Manifest Destiny and Early American Expansion

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Answer the following questions based on the lesson about Manifest Destiny and the westward expansion of America.

1. What is Manifest Destiny?

- A. A belief that America should remain small
- B. A belief that American settlers were destined to expand across the continent
- C. A law about land ownership

2. List two motivations that pushed people to move west during the 19th century.

3. Many settlers believed that God was ____ their expansion to new lands.

4. Manifest Destiny only had economic motivations for settlers.

- True False

5. Which of the following was NOT a motivation for westward expansion?

- A. Adventure
- B. Economic opportunities
- C. Staying in one place

6. How might Native Americans have felt about settlers moving into their lands?

7. As stated in Proverbs 16:9, a man's heart plans his way, but ____ directs his steps.

8. God's sovereignty played a role in the historical movements of people during Manifest Destiny.

- True False

9. What years does the Pioneer Journey Timeline cover for westward expansion?

- A. 1600-1700
- B. 1803-1850
- C. 1900-1950

10. Reflect on how you can see God's hand in historical movements. Give one example.

Answer Key

1. A belief that American settlers were destined to expand across the continent 2. People moved west for economic opportunities and religious freedom. 3. guiding 4. False 5. Staying in one place 6. Native Americans likely felt threatened and worried about losing their homes and resources. 7. Yahweh 8. True 9. 1803-1850 10. I can see God's hand in how settlers found new opportunities and built communities in the West, often believing they were following His guidance.