Manifest Destiny

The people's belief that North America should expand westward towards the Pacific Ocean.

- This was negotiated by Ben Franklin and ended the American Revolution. In it the U.S. borders extended from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River and south the Florida.

- Spain fear war with the United States, so they gave this area to the U.S. in the Adams-Onis Treaty to pay off the debt they owed.

- In 1818 the U.S. and Britain agreed that the two countries would occupy this area jointly divided at the 49th parallel. By 1846, Britain and the U.S. signed a treaty giving the area to the U.S.

- The U.S. agreed to pay Mexico $10 mil for a strip of land in present day Arizona and New Mexico. Resulted in a need for railroads to transport goods through the Rocky Mountains.

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- In order to end the Mexican War, Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. Under the treaty, Mexico gave CA, NM, AZ, UT, CO, and NV to the U.S.

- Jefferson sent Robert Livingston and James Monroe to France to convince them to sell New Orleans to the U.S. France offered the U.S. all of the area west of the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains. The U.S. paid $15 mil in 1803 for the area.

- President Polk had a desire to expand the U.S. and it was no different with this territory in 1845. When this area was annexed it caused border disputes with Mexico at the Rio Grande border.

- Seward's Folly was purchased in 1867 from Russia, this land is known for its abundance of natural resources.