

# UNIT 4 VOCABULARY

Expansion & the development of a nation identity

# Louisiana Purchase

- Jefferson sent James Monroe to buy part of the Louisiana territory from France
- Napoleon agrees to sell all of the territory for \$15 million
- This doubles the size of the U.S.

# Lewis and Clark

- Jefferson sends the Corps of Discovery to explore the Louisiana territory and all the way to the Pacific and report on what they find
- They send back information on plants, animals, the land and Native Americans. This paves the way for westward expansion.

# War of 1812

- Causes: Impressment, British alliances with Native Americans, War Hawks
- Major Events: British burn the White House, Battle of New Orleans
- Effects: confirms U.S. strength as a nation, increases sense of national identity and pride

# Impressment

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- British practice of taking sailors off of American ships and forcing them to serve in the British Navy.
- America viewed this as a violation of international law and an insult to America.

# Monroe Doctrine

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- President Monroe issues warning to European powers to stay out of western hemisphere
- Shows that U.S. is confident and powerful enough to stand up to world powers (because of War of 1812)

# Manifest Destiny

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- The belief that it was “obviously meant to be” that Americans expand west all the way to the Pacific
- This belief contributed to Americans moving west and pushing Native Americans off their lands

# Industrial Revolution

- Social and economic reorganization that took place in the U.S. in the early 1800s, in which machines replace hand tools and the factory system develops
- This changes the American economy and increases sectionalism between the North (manufacturing) and South (agriculture)



# Cotton Gin



- Invention by Eli Whitney that made cleaning cotton faster and easier
- Increased cotton production; large plantations in the South flourished and the need for slaves increased

# Interchangeable Parts

- Parts that are exactly alike that can be used in the place of each other
- Eli Whitney invented this for the musket and contributed to the growth of the Industrial Revolution in the U.S.
- His invention made the first steps toward developing mass production and the factory system in the U.S.

# Infrastructure

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- Following the War of 1812, the American System was a plan to improve the nation's infrastructure to provide for better travel and trade between the regions (North, South and West)
- Led to increase and improvement of roads and waterways

# Erie Canal

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- Built in 1825 and connected the Hudson River to Lake Erie – in other words, the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes
- Led to the rise of New York City as an important trade center