"The Story of Us ~ Westward"

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Directions ~ As you watch the video, answer the following questions.

1. Describe Daniel Boone's adventure into "The West." Who does he have a run-in with? Where does he eventually end up settling?

2. What geographic feature must the Lewis & Clark Expedition conquer to make it to the West Coast? Who helps them to get there?

3. In the early 1800s, what is the most valuable "currency" in the West?

4. Jed Smith is the greatest hunter of this time period. How did he make great wealth throughout his life?

5. What is the most feared animal of the West? What has happened to its population as more and more settlers have settled in the West?

6. Why were oxen and wagons important to the journey along the Overland Trails?

7. What mistake does George Donner make as he leads his caravan to California? Why is this a fatal mistake?

8. In the 1830s & 1840s, who is in direct competition with the U.S. for land in the West? Where did the American desire for expansion run into this great power?

9. What is discovered in California in 1848? How does this impact the population in California? How long does the Gold Rush last?

10. Which famous American President would be raised in the frontiers of Kentucky and Indiana?

11. What new policy would be put in place during Andrew Jackson's presidency?

12. Which river is the "life line" of the West and allows for trade? What new invention revolutionizes travel along this river?