Westward Expansion Vocabulary

**Annex** – To add

**Assimilate** – adopt

**Canal** – A human-made waterway that connects bodies of water

**Cession** – Something that is given up, such as land

**Consequence** – Something that happens because of an action

**Cotton Gin** – A machine that could quickly remove the seeds from cotton

**Dictator** – A leader who has complete control of the government

**Ford** – to cross

**Forty**-**niners** – A gold seeker who arrived in California in 1849

**Gap** – A low place between mountains

**Gold Rush** – A sudden rush of people to an area where gold has been found

**Impressment** – The taking of workers against their will

**Industrial Revolution** – The period of time during the 1800s when machines took place of hand tools and manufacture goods

**Interchangeable Parts** – Parts that can be made exactly alike by machines

**Lock** – A part of a canal in which the water level can be raised or lowered to bring ships to the level of the next part of the canal

**Locomotive** – A railroad engine

**Manifest Destiny** – Certain future

**National Anthem** – The official song of a country

**Nationalism** – Pride in one’s country

**Pioneer** – An early settler of an area