# Westward Expansion

### Proclamation of 1763

- King George III said that no one could settle west of the Appalachian Mountains
- This was one of the reasons for the French & Indian War
- Some colonist ignored this and moved west anyway

# Impact on Native Americans

- Settlers moved to the Ohio and Mississippi River Valley between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River
- The Native Americans and the settlers fought over this land called the frontier
  - The Frontier is the edge of a settled country or region
- Settlers and Native Americans also borrowed ideas and customs from each other

# Traveling West

- Traveled west on foot, horse, wagon and boat
- Floated down the Ohio River and the Erie Canal (p.382, R53, R55)
  - A canal is a waterway built for boats for travel and trade
- Floated down the Hudson River to Lake Erie in the Great Lakes

# Impact on Native Americans

- Did not believe land could be bought or sold, so they signed treaties to let settlers hunt on Native American land.
- Settlers ignored the treaties and settled on Native American land

## Louisiana Purchase

- Land west of the Mississippi River was under French control
- The largest port used for shipping goods to Europe was in New Orleans, Louisiana
- Framers were afraid France would close the port to them
- President Thomas Jefferson sent representatives to make sure the U.S. could use the port

## Louisiana Purchase

- France (Napoleon Bonaparte) said they would sell Louisiana because France needed money to pay for a war with Great Britain
- Louisiana doubled the size of the United States

## Lewis and Clark

- President Thomas Jefferson was interested in science and nature so he sent explorers to learn about Louisiana and beyond
- President Jefferson asked Lewis and Clark to study culture of western Native Americans
- Lewis and Clark explored the Missouri and Columbia Rivers to try find a water route to the Pacific Ocean

### Lewis and Clark

- A group called the Corps of Discovery traveled with the explorers
- Sacagawea, a Native American woman, served as their interpreter to tribes they met
- Sacagawea explained that they were a peaceful group
- She gathered plants for food and medicine and helped trade for horses and supplies

## Lewis and Clark

- They traveled up the Mississippi River, over the Rocky Mountains, down the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean
- They did not find a water route to the Pacific Ocean but proved they could cross the continent through passes in the Rocky Mountains (p. 358)

# Impact of Native Americans

- Native Americans were forced to move from Georgia to Oklahoma
- They traveled by land and by water
- This was known as the Trail of Tears (800 miles west)
- Many Native Americans became sick and some died

#### The Alamo

- Americans/Texans fought Mexico in a revolution because they wanted Texas to be free or independent from Mexico
- Mexico's president led an army to stop the rebellion
- Mexico wanted to capture a military fort called The Alamo
- The Americans and Texans were defeated at The Alamo

#### The Alamo

- The Texas army later attacked the Mexican troops
- They shouted, "Remember the Alamo!" during the attack
- America gained Texas as part of the United States

### Industrial Revolution

- New inventions helped people do things faster
- Examples of inventions
  - Telegraph: a machine that sends message signals over wire.
    This helped get information across the country faster
  - Steamboats: boats that used steam from coal instead of oars or wind. They traveled through canals for faster shipping and trade
  - Railroads: steam trains or locomotives created the greatest change in transportation. They were fast and could go over hills easily
  - Manufactures could ship goods to almost any city in the U.S.