

- CHAPTER 16 – THE WEST
- Missions
- Spain owns western North America
 - Texas to California
- Missions – center of colonial life
- California – 21 missions – close together – strong system
- Texas – 40 missions – far apart – weak system
- Mexican Independence
- Agustin de Iturbide – wins Mexican independence from Spain
 - Includes land from Texas to California
- Need people to move to Texas
- Stephen F. Austin – leads 300 American families to Texas in 1821
 - “Old 300”
- By 1833 – Texas wants Independence
- Texan War for Independence
- The Alamo – Texans outnumbered 15 to 1 in an old mission
 - All Texans die
 - Some murdered by Mexican General Santa Anna
 - Military defeat
 - BUT – spiritual victory
 - “Remember the Alamo”
 - Texans rally together and support the Revolution
- Texas Wins Independence
- Battle of San Jacinto – Texan General Sam Houston wins independence
- Mexican President/ General Santa Anna is captured and signs treaty

- Lone Star Republic
- Texas is its own country
- First President – Sam Houston
- Capital was Houston
- U.S. – wants to annex Texas
 - Annex – take control of land
- Texas' problems: few people
 - Little money
 - Slavery is legal
 - Mexico wants it back
- Settlement in the Northwest
- Mountain Men – fur traders and trappers – first white men in the West
- Oregon Trail – 2,000 mile trail from St. Louis to Oregon/Washington
- 6-month trip – very dangerous
 - Bad weather, lack of food and water, diseases, injuries, grueling pace
- Settlement in California
- California Trail – breaks off south from the Oregon Trail; takes settlers over the Sierra Nevada Mountains to California
- Donner Party (1846) – a group of settlers were trapped in the Sierra Nevada Mtns.
 - Cannibalism???
- John Sutter – founded first America settlement in California
 - Sutter's Fort