

# MANIFEST DESTINY

## SCAVENGER HUNT

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**CODE WORD**

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What country did the US buy the Louisiana territory from?

**CODE WORD**

**4** The United States bought Florida into their possession in 1819 under President James Madison. This was America's first purchase of land from a foreign country. The search of the Florida territory was an important part of the American search of land to the west.

**ANSWER SHEET**

If the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words. **FIND THE CODE #**

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# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ 10 SHORT PASSAGES
- ✓ 10 QUESTION TRAILS
- ✓ RECORDING SHEET
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
- ✓ EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

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**7** In mid-1845, a journalist named John L. O'Sullivan coined the term "Manifest Destiny" in a newspaper article. He believed it was a God's will to expand and explore the west. In 1846, the U.S. entered war with Mexico for control of North America. The Mexican-American War, which lasted until 1848, added 525,000 square miles of U.S. territory.

How many months did the Oregon Trail journey last? **CODE WORD**

**9** With all the expansion of the United States, who were the European Christian people? They believed in the will of God. They believed their country's destiny to expand to the Pacific Ocean. Everything was going well for them and it was a blessing. The immigrants were going to immigrate across

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**10** Expansion of the United States brought many people, but not for everyone.

### TEACHER DIRECTIONS

THIS SCAVENGER HUNT HAS TWO PARTS:

**Part 1:** Kids will read 10 short passages which contain a "clue" or code word. After finishing each passage, students will need to write them down on the recording sheet.

**Part 2:** Using the code word on each reading card, students will need to unscramble the letters in the gray boxes to find the code word.

All you have to do is print the 10 reading cards and hide them! The more difficult the reading cards, the more FUN the kids have AND the longer they will be able to stay on task!

You will need to print **PAGE 10** for EVERY student.

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FINAL CODE WORD ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

### VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading cards that are unfamiliar or new to you.

WORD	DEFINITION

### SUMMARIZE

TOPIC SENTENCE

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### 4 DIGIT CODE

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Eliminate the highest and lowest number in the FOUND column.

Get rid of all numbers that are spelled with just one letter.

Eliminate numbers that start with the letter \_\_\_\_\_.

VAL CODE

4 numbers remain (in order you listed them)?

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# 10 READING CARDS

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➔ What country did the US buy the Louisiana territory from?

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➔ How many original colonies were there? **CODE WORD**

**2** The United States had made it through the Revolutionary War which gave independence to the American colonies that had been held by Great Britain. The war ended in 1783 and the new country needed space and better trade lines to get the land they needed to live. The people had been living between the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, but the new territory was west of the Mississippi River.

➔ How many months did the Oregon Trail journey last?

**4** The United States went on to incorporate Florida into their land holdings from Spain in 1819 under President James Monroe. Monroe was America's 5<sup>th</sup> president. Now United States citizens could head west on the Santa Fe Trail.

**6** 1843 was the year known as the Great Migration on the Oregon Trail. Many people loaded up covered wagons to make their way across the United States. The immigrants moved their families and everything they owned along the dusty trails that headed West from Missouri to Oregon. People went for the opportunity to own and work their own land. The average person had about 1000 dollars worth of goods to take with them.

**7** In mid-1845, a journalist named John L. O'Sullivan coined the term Manifest Destiny in a newspaper article. He wrote that God's will to expand the country was clear. In 1846, the U.S. Congress passed the Mexican-American War. In 1848, the U.S. gained control of California and the Mexican territory until 1848, and 525,000 square miles of U.S. territory.

**9** With all the expansion, people were beginning to see the United States as the most European American people, though they believed it was the will of God. They believed it was the country's destiny to expand west to the Pacific Ocean. Everything seemed to be going well for them and they thought it was a blessing. They continued to immigrate across the country.

## ANSWER SHEET

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FINAL WORD ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

**8** In 1847, gold was discovered in California. The idea of gold prompted people to immigrate across the country in search of their own fortune. These gold seekers were called "forty-niners." Not a lot of gold was found, but there were a lot of people calling California their home.

➔ The government wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_ and not rely on outside sources.

**10** Expansion of the United States was good for many people, but not for everyone. More people were getting to go out in search of new lives. In the process, however, disrupting the lives of Native American people. Native Americans lived on the land long before settlers expanded into their space and made way. Their territory shrank and Native Americans were forced to live on smaller areas of land. Many people believe that Manifest Destiny justified the territorial expansion.

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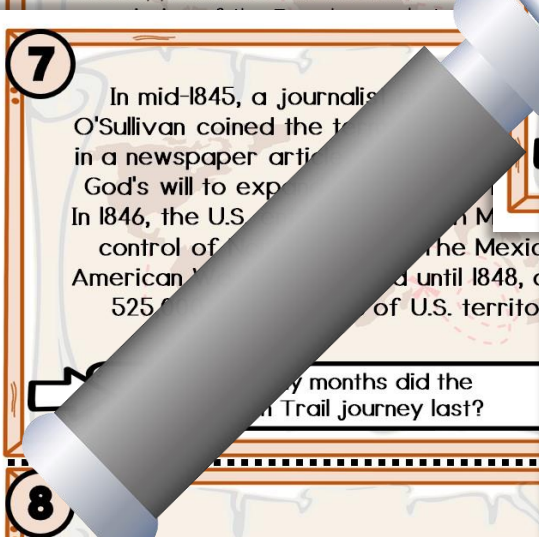
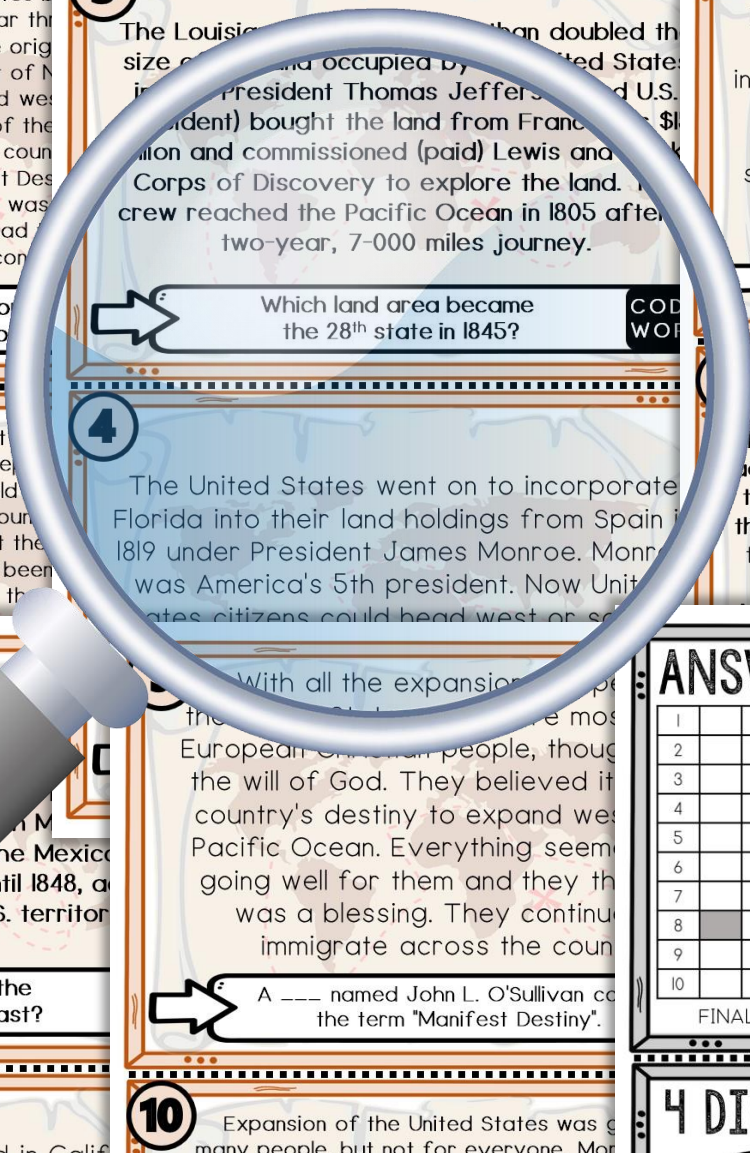
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What 4 numbers do you have in the order you recorded them?

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# CITE EVIDENCE

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**FINAL CODE** What 4 numbers remain (in the order you listed them)?

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STUDENTS WILL RECORD THEIR CODE WORDS

STUDENTS WILL RECORD **WHERE** THEY FOUND THE ANSWER

STUDENTS WILL UNSCRAMBLE A MYSTERY WORD

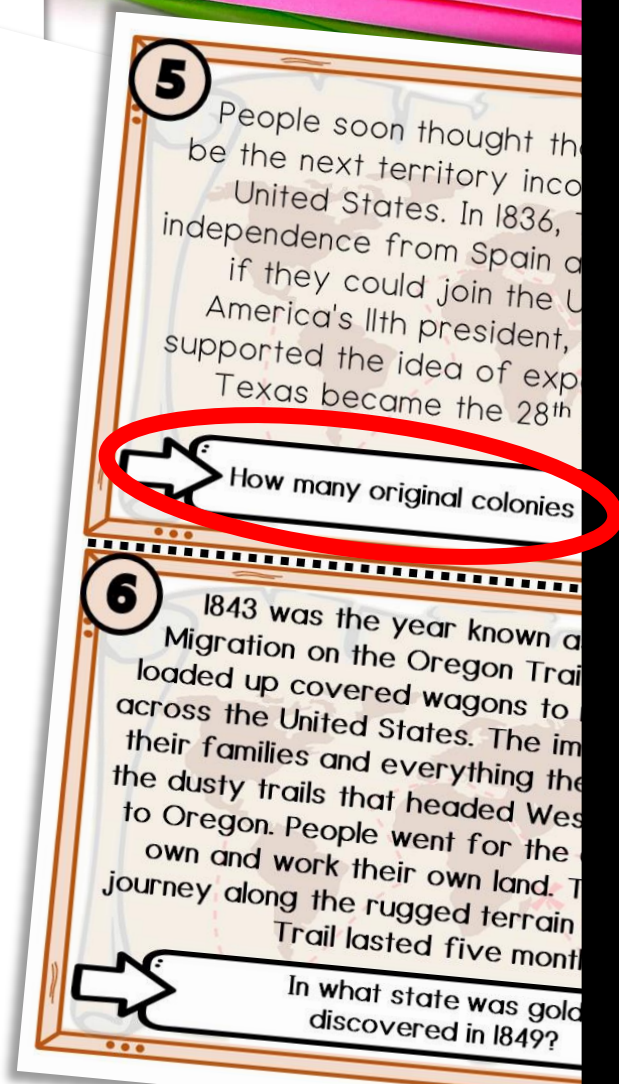
STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW CLUES TO REVEAL THE 4-DIGIT CODE

# HOW IT WORKS



## ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

- 1** Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 10 reading cards scattered around the room.
- 2** Students read the passage and look at the question at the bottom labeled "code word".
- 3** The code word for THAT card number will lead them to a different card. But here's the catch... students will NOT know where to find the code word answer so they will have to skim, browse and revisit the reading cards several times to find the answer they are seeking.



# COMBINATION



**This scavenger hunt is a winning combination of:**







- ✓ **movement**
- ✓ **close reading**
- ✓ **comprehension skills**
- ✓ **mystery words & codes**
- ✓ **citing evidence**
- ✓ **critical thinking**

**Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!**

# OPTIONS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!

-  ANTICIPATORY SETS
-  EARLY FINISHERS
-  STATIONS
-  SUB PLANS
-  PARTNER WORK
-  ENRICHMENT

-  MOVEMENT
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

