**Ch. 13 – Westward Expansion**

**Section 5 Key Concepts Map – Americans Rush West**

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| **Why did the Mormons decide to move to Utah Territory?** |
| 1. Who were the Mormons? Who was the founder of this religion? 2. Why did the Mormons come into conflict with their neighbors every time they moved to a new area? 3. Why did Brigham Young, the new Mormon leader after Joseph Smith’s death, decide to move the Mormons to Utah? 4. What difficulties did the Mormons encounter in Utah? 5. When did Utah finally become a state? |

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| **How did the Gold Rush affect life in California?** |
| 1. How was gold discovered at John Sutter’s sawmill located on the American River, north of Sacramento, California? 2. Explain how word spread around the world and why so many people flocked to California in 1849. 3. What happened to the many people who never actually struck it rich by finding gold? 4. What were the changes that the Gold Rush brought to California?  * Positive changes: * Negative changes:  1. Once the new territory of California realized that it needed a strong government to stop the lawlessness that was plaguing it, explain what actions it took to become a state. |
| **What were the main groups of people, in addition to white Americans, who moved into the new state of California, and what obstacles did they face?** |
| 1. What were the obstacles that **Mexican Americans** faced? 2. What were the obstacles faced by **Native Americans**? 3. What were the obstacles faced by **Chinese Americans**? 4. What were the obstacles faced by **African Americans**? 5. In spite of all the problems faced by the diverse population in the new state of California, what happened to California by 1860? |