**Ch. 13 – Westward Expansion**

**Section 1 Key Concepts Map—Oregon Country**

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| **What was the appeal of Oregon Country and lands in the Far West?** |
| * Varied geography:
1. Pacific Coast -
2. Willamette River and lowlands around Puget Sound –
3. Farther inland –
4. Between the coastal mountains and the Rockies -
* What nations competed for a piece of Oregon Country in the early 1800s?
* What nations agreed to jointly occupy Oregon Country in 1818?
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| **How did mountain men contribute to exploring and settling the Far West of the US?** |
| * Describe the life of a mountain man
1. What did they trap and make a good profit selling? Why were they admired as *rugged individualists*?
* List some dangers they faced:
* What happened at the yearly rendezvous?
* Explain what happened at the end of the 1830s that caused the mountain men to pursue a new “career”. Be sure to indicate what their new job became.
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| **What role did missionaries play in Oregon?** |
| * Who were the first white Americans to permanently settle in Oregon?
* What did missionaries like Marcus and Narcissa Whitman do to stir up interest in Oregon Country?
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| **What were the hardships faced on wagon trains to the west?** |
| * When did the first wagon trains leave for Oregon? It what season did they always leave for Oregon?
* By what month did Oregon-bound pioneers want to arrive in Oregon? Why?
* How far did pioneers travel from Independence, Missouri to Oregon?
* Explain the jobs each person had while traveling the Oregon Trail.
* List the many dangers pioneers faced on the trail; place a \* next to the biggest danger/threat.
* When the pioneers met Native Americans along the Oregon Trail, what usually happened?
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