**Ch. 13 – Westward Expansion**

**Section 3 Key Concepts Map – California and the Southwest**

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| **Why did Americans begin to take an interest in the New Mexico Territory in the 1840s?** |
| 1. Climate –
2. Landscape -
3. Santa Fe –
* What did Santa Fe grow into when the Spanish made it the capital of the territory?
* In 1821, after Mexico gained its independence, what did William Becknell do?
* What did Becknell’s route became known as?
* Who mostly traveled the Santa Fe Trail?
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| **Describe life for Native Americans on California’s missions and ranches.** |
| 1. Life for Native Americans in the Spanish Missions:
* What did Spanish soldiers and missionaries build?
* In 1769, where did Father Junipero Sera build his first mission?
* Later, what did he and other missionaries set up?
* What did each mission include ?
* What did the missions supply?
* What jobs did Native Americans do at the Spanish missions?
* Where did the Native Americans live?
* Because mission life was hard, what happened to thousands of Native Americans ?
1. Life for Native Americans on Mexican cattle ranches
* What did the newly independent nation of Mexico decide in the 1820s?
* What did the Mexican government do to speed up economic growth?
* What did these wealthy individuals who were given land from the old missions do with the land they were given by the Mexican government?
* Who did most of the work on these ranches, and what kind of work did they do?
* Describe the new culture that developed on these ranches.
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| **Why did many Americans begin to support the idea of western expansion in the 1840s?** |
| 1. Why did the US want to buy California from Mexico?
2. Describe what Manifest Destiny is ?
3. Why did many Americans believe in Manifest Destiny and what did they think expansion would do for the United States?
4. What was the negative side of Manifest Destiny?
5. What role did Manifest Destiny play in the election of 1844? Who were the candidates? Which candidate favored expansion? Which candidate did not, and opposed the annexation of Texas? Who ended up winning the election?
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