Reshaping America in the Early 1800s

Lesson 3 America Achieves Manifest Destiny

Key Terms

Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

Gadsden Purchase

Wilmot Proviso

California Gold Rush

forty-niners

placer mining

hydraulic mining

Academic Vocabulary

**comprised:** made up of

**degrade:** to reduce in status or rank

**discord:** lack of agreement

**dismayed:** caused someone to feel worried, disappointed, or upset

Lesson Objectives

**1.** **Explain** how the Mexican-American War helped the United States achieve the goal of Manifest Destiny.

**2.** **Identify** the causes and effects of the California Gold Rush.

Realizing Manifest Destiny: Text

1. Draw Inferences Why did many Northerners oppose the Mexican-American War?

2. Draw Conclusions Why did the Wilmot Proviso keep reappearing in Congress over the next 15 years? What did this signify?

3. Use Visual Information What did the United States accomplish with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo? How was this different than what was accomplished with the Gadsden Purchase? Use the map to answer this question.

The California Gold Rush: Text

4. Identify Cause and Effect How did the California Gold Rush affect the city of San Francisco? Use the graphic organizer below to keep track of causes and effects.

**5.** **Explain an Argument**  Imagine you are considering coming to California during the gold rush. What advantages or disadvantages should you consider before making this decision?

6. Draw Inferences Why might some forty-niners have been disappointed once they reached California?

7. Compare and Contrast How did mining change when hydraulic mining became more common than placer mining?

8. Identify Supporting Details How did miners from the eastern United States assert their dominance over other minorities who came to California for the Gold Rush? Give several examples.

9. Summarize Why did California enter the Union as a free state?

10. Analyze Interactions Among Individuals, Events, and Ideas How did the events of the California Gold Rush affect tensions that led to the Civil War?