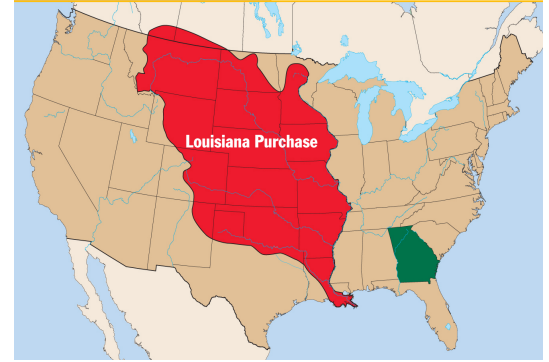


4-5.3 What were the purpose, location, and impact of key United States territorial acquisitions?

The Louisiana Purchase - 1803

In 1803, **Thomas Jefferson** wanted to buy the land around **New Orleans, Louisiana** from France. **New Orleans** was the **port city** that controlled imports and exports from the **Mississippi River**. He wanted to buy this land to help farmers along the Mississippi River who needed to transport their products down the river to the port in New Orleans and store them before export. It was too expensive for farmers to transport their products across the Appalachian Mountains to ports along the Atlantic Ocean. Jefferson decided to make an **offer** to **buy** the land around New Orleans from **France** for 10 million dollars. But before Jefferson could make the offer, **France**



surprised Jefferson by offering him to **sell** the **entire territory** of **Louisiana**. The United States **bought** this land from **France** for **15 million dollars**. This was known as the **Louisiana Purchase**. The Louisiana Purchase's area covered all land west of the Mississippi River from present-day Idaho and north to Canada. When the U.S. purchased the Louisiana territory, it nearly **doubled** the size of the **United States** at that time.

Land Acquired _____ From Whom _____

The Florida Purchase - 1819

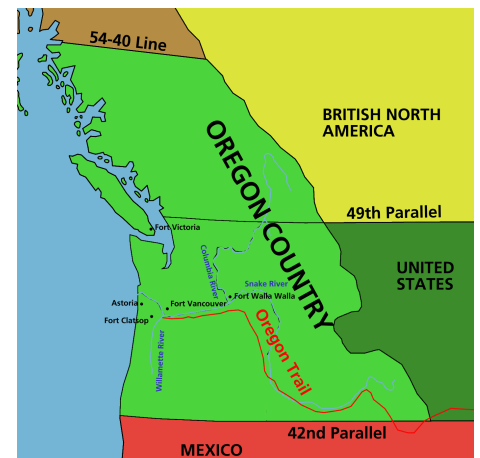
The **Florida Purchase**, also known as the **Adams-Onis Treaty**, was the result of **conflict** between **New Spain** and the **United States**. New Spain and the United States fought over the **boundary lines** of the **Louisiana Territory**. To resolve this conflict, **Spain sold Florida** to the **United States** in 1819 in exchange for **5 million dollars**. This treaty also established a clear southern **boundary** between the Louisiana Territory and the New Spain at the **42nd parallel**.



Land Acquired _____ From Whom _____

The Oregon Territory and Treaty - 1846

The **United States** claimed the **Oregon Territory** based on the explorations of **Lewis and Clark**. However, **England, Spain** and **Russia** had also previously claimed this area. At first, Americans in search of economic opportunity in fur trade moved into the **Oregon Territory**. The farmers that followed the fur traders wanted to be part of the United States. After much **negotiation** between the United States and England, the **Oregon Treaty** was developed as a **compromise** so the United States wouldn't go to war with two different countries at the same time. Although some Americans wanted to claim land to the 54-40 line, most American settlements were south of this line. Therefore, in 1846 the United States and England **compromised** that the **northern boundary** of the **United States** would be set at the **49th parallel**. This 49th parallel was an extension westward of the Treaty Line of 1818 that already established a boundary line between Canada and the United States.



Land Acquired _____ From Whom _____

4-5.3 What were the purpose, location, and impact of key United States territorial acquisitions?

The Annexation of Texas - 1845

The **Annexation of Texas** happened nine years after the **Texan War** for Independence from Mexico. Before Texas gained its independence from Mexico, American southerners accepted Mexico's invitation to move into the Texas territory. These American **cotton planters** that moved into the **Texas** territory agreed to become Mexican citizens, convert to Catholicism, and to follow Mexican law. They also agreed that there would be **no slavery** in Texas in order for the Mexicans to have access to this **fertile land** to grow cotton. However, when a new Mexican government came into power the **Texans rebelled**. In 1836, **Texas fought a war** to win their **independence** from **Mexico**. After gaining their independence, **Texas** wanted to become part of the **United States**. At first, the United States would not annex Texas because it would **upset** the **balance** of **slave** and **free states**. As a result, **Texas** was an **independent country** for **nine years**. When James Polk became President in 1845, the United States finally annexed (added) Texas.



Land Acquired _____ From Whom _____

Mexican Cession - 1848

The **Mexican Cession** was a territory that the **United States acquired** as a result of **winning** the **Mexican War**. The Mexican War was the result of Manifest Destiny, the desire for Pacific ports, and the annexation of Texas. The United States wanted a port on the Pacific coast in the Mexican territory of California. President Polk tried to buy this land, but the Mexicans would not sell it. After Texas was annexed, the United States sent **American troops** into an area on the border of Texas that the Mexican government also claimed as their own. Shots were fired and the **Mexican War** in 1846. The United States **invaded Mexico** and **defeated** the **Mexican army**. The **United States won** the **Mexican War** in 1848 by taking the capital city. Americans also "helped" Mexican citizens living in California by declaring their independence from Mexico as well. The treaty that ended the Mexican War **ceded** Mexican territory in present-day New Mexico, Arizona, California, Utah and Nevada to the United States in exchange for **15 million dollars**. This was known as the **Mexican Cession**. This land acquisition gave the United States access to **ports** on the **Pacific Ocean**. Soon, Americans discovered **gold** in California too.



Land Acquired _____ From Whom _____

4-5.3 What were the purpose, location, and impact of key United States territorial acquisitions?

United States Land Acquisitions

	Geographic Impact	Economic Impact
Louisiana Purchase		
Florida Purchase		
Oregon Territory and Treaty		
Annexation of Texas		
Mexican Cession		

4-5.3 What were the purpose, location, and impact of key United States territorial acquisitions?

United States Land Acquisitions



Land Acquisitions in the West

- Draw a **blue** line for the Mississippi River and label it
- Draw **brown** triangles for the Rocky Mountains and label it
- Color and label the Louisiana Purchase in **green**
- Color and label Florida in **purple**
- Draw a **red** line for the 42nd parallel and label it
- Color and label the Oregon Territory in **orange**
- Draw a **red** line for the 49th parallel and label it
- Color and label Texas in **pink**
- Color and label the Mexican Cession in **yellow**