

## *Enlarging the National State Manifest Destiny*

Today, Americans unanimously accept the present territorial boundaries of the continental United States. That was not always the case. Opponents of expansion objected to the acquisition of each piece of land. However the dominant theme in the country's past has always been expansion. Research each of the following acquisitions of the United States, and complete the chart below to show how the United States accomplished this expansion to the Pacific.

On the outline map (other side of handout) locate, label, and outline (color) each of the territorial acquisitions listed below.

	Date Acquired	Previous Owner	Circumstances of Acquisition
Original United States			
Louisiana Purchase			
British Cession (Convention of 1818)			
Florida			
Texas			
Oregon Country			
Mexican Cession			
Gadsden Purchase			

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