

# Vocabulary Builder Activity



## Manifest Destiny

### A. Content Vocabulary

**Directions** Next to each word or phrase write the vocabulary term associated with it. Not all the terms will be used.

joint occupation  
mountain man  
emigrant  
prairie schooner  
Manifest Destiny  
Tejano  
annex

decree  
barricade  
rancho  
ranchero  
forty-niner  
boomtown  
vigilante

1. fur trapper \_\_\_\_\_
2. gold miner \_\_\_\_\_
3. police, judge and jury \_\_\_\_\_
4. Britain and the United States in the Northwest  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Mexican rancher \_\_\_\_\_
6. transportation to Oregon \_\_\_\_\_
7. block off \_\_\_\_\_
8. Mexican who lived in Texas \_\_\_\_\_
9. one who left home \_\_\_\_\_
10. hotels, stores, groceries, bakeries, and gambling houses  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Builder *Cont.*

The logo for 'networks' features the word 'networks' in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter 'o' is replaced by a stylized globe icon with latitude and longitude lines. The word is positioned to the right of a decorative graphic consisting of several thin, intersecting lines that form a starburst or web-like pattern.

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### B. Academic Vocabulary

**Directions** In each item below, an academic vocabulary term is used and underlined. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. When Texas was incorporated, it
- went to war with Mexico.
  - appointed a governor.
  - became part of the United States.
  - encouraged people to start businesses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. James K. Polk hoped to gain access to the Pacific Ocean through
- Manifest Destiny.
  - trade with Asia.
  - the Gold Rush.
  - Southern plantation owners.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. To become a state, people in each territory wrote a constitution because
- they needed to protect their borders.
  - they needed laws on which to base their government.
  - Congress wanted to know if the territory would become a slave or a free state.
  - the people of the territory demanded it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. To justify a war with Mexico, President Polk
- got Mexico to strike first.
  - bought California from Mexico for a low price.
  - refused to ask Congress for a declaration of war.
  - supported rancheros in New Mexico.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Planters established cotton and tobacco plantations in Florida because they
- a. had to move from Texas after the Mexican War.
  - b. wanted to set up new cities there.
  - c. needed more fertile farmland.
  - d. no longer wanted to live in the United States.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. California's resources included
- a. gold and boomtowns.
  - b. gold and furs.
  - c. gold and soldiers.
  - d. gold and farmland.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. When Brigham Young removed the Mormons who were living in Illinois, he
- a. forced them to move to the East.
  - b. built houses for them.
  - c. took them away to Utah.
  - d. taught them religion.

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### C. Combined Vocabulary Reinforcement

**Directions** Some of the words below are only used as nouns, some are used only as verbs, and some can be used as either one. Decide into which category each word goes (noun, verb, or both). Then write it in the correct space in the Venn diagram. (You may want to consult a dictionary.)

emigrant  
Tejano  
annex  
access  
resource  
decree  
barricade

justify  
rancho  
ranchero  
forty-niner  
vigilante  
constitution  
incorporate

