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America: The Story of Us

Episode 3 – “Westward”

Directions: Answer the questions below while watching the video provided.

1. What was the most valuable commodity out west?
2. What does freezing Rocky Mountain water do to beaver pelts?
3. How many calories are needed daily for a fur trapper to survive out west?
4. What was the Cumberland Gap? Who helped to discover this geographic land mass?
5. Who was Jedidiah Smith? He eventually became successful because of the _____ he worked with.
6. What was the “greatest toll of us all” on the trail out west?
7. Who is the leader of the wagon train heading west in June 1846?
8. What is the final obstacle of the people participating in the wagon train 1846?
9. How many miles does “Hasting Cutoff” supposedly cut off from the trek west? How many miles does it actually add?
10. What did members of the Donner Party turn to as a food source after all other options were exhausted?

11. What precious metal was found hidden under the Sierra Nevada that forever changed the west?
12. What North American nation was an even bigger superpower than the U.S. in 1830?
13. What message did the Mexican government hope the Alamo would send to Americans?
14. What message, in turn (#14) did the Americans take from the standoff at the Alamo?
15. What did the discovery of this metal do to the population of California?
16. How many years did the Gold Rush actually last?
17. What happened to Native Americans in the 1830s under President Andrew Jackson?
18. What new invention transformed the Mississippi River, the Midwest and ultimately America?