

## Unit 2: United States Expansion Part 7: "A Rush to the West"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Period: \_\_\_\_\_

### I. A Refuge for the Mormons

A. Were the largest group of settlers to move into the \_\_\_\_\_ area.

B. Were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The church was founded by \_\_\_\_\_.

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ were a highly disregarded group because of their beliefs in communal \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

D. In 1844, Joseph Smith was killed by an angry mob and \_\_\_\_\_ was chosen as their new \_\_\_\_\_.

E. Young believed that the Mormons needed to \_\_\_\_\_ to a safe \_\_\_\_\_ to practice their religious \_\_\_\_\_ freely. Young, and the Mormons chose the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

F. In \_\_\_\_\_, thousands of Mormons began the long \_\_\_\_\_ to the Salt Lake Area. The path followed was known as the \_\_\_\_\_.

Directions: Using images from magazines, create **two** "Whole-Brain" Connectors for each section of the notes. No words may be used as connectors, images and pictures only.

G. Emigrants came by \_\_\_\_\_ and when oxen ran short many used \_\_\_\_\_ to make the \_\_\_\_\_.

H. The Mormons \_\_\_\_\_ in the Utah \_\_\_\_\_ by developing an \_\_\_\_\_ system and developing a major \_\_\_\_\_ called \_\_\_\_\_.

I. \_\_\_\_\_ was admitted as a state in \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. California Gold Rush

A. On \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ gold was discovered at \_\_\_\_\_ near \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The discovery of \_\_\_\_\_ created a “rush” by \_\_\_\_\_ from all over the country. In 1849 more than \_\_\_\_\_ people moved to California. These people became known as the “\_\_\_\_\_”.

C. People came from as far as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ hoping to strike it rich.

D. Very few \_\_\_\_\_ actually struck it rich, but the gold rush helped California \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly and gain admission as a new state in \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. California's Unique Culture

A. The majority of miners during the gold rush were \_\_\_\_\_ Americans.

B. The population was diverse because of the variety of \_\_\_\_\_ people came from.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ lost large tracks of land but managed to preserve their culture.  
Example: California's \_\_\_\_\_ was written in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

D. \_\_\_\_\_ fared worst of all groups with their populations dropping from 100,000 in 1850 to less than 17,000 in the 1870's.

E. \_\_\_\_\_ and other \_\_\_\_\_ settlers settled in California but faced heavy \_\_\_\_\_. Asians helped \_\_\_\_\_ and eventually \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ vast stretches of \_\_\_\_\_.

F. Many free \_\_\_\_\_ and escaped \_\_\_\_\_ settled in California. These people were denied equal \_\_\_\_\_ to whites but arrived in large \_\_\_\_\_ and contributed to California's unique \_\_\_\_\_.