**Westward Expansion Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the questions that follow:

[Westward Expansion and Manifest Destiny - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-westward-expansion-reading/)

1. Where did European colonists begin the settlement of North America?
2. Which war resulted in the British parliament releasing the Proclamation of 1763?
3. When did the major expansion into the fertile lands between the Appalachians and the Mississippi River begin?
4. What was the first major step in obtaining new lands in North America in the early 19th century?
5. Why did France sell its colonies in North America to the United States?
6. Who was commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson to explore the newly acquired Louisiana Territory?
7. What was the main goal of the Lewis and Clark expedition?
8. When did Lewis and Clark return from their expedition?
9. What was the 'Missouri Compromise'?
10. Who issued the 'Monroe Doctrine' and what was its significance?
11. What was the Indian Removal Act of 1830?
12. What was the Oregon Trail?
13. What led to the Mexican-American War?
14. What was the result of the Mexican-American War?
15. What does the phrase "Manifest Destiny" mean?
16. What was the California Gold Rush?
17. What was the impact of the discovery of gold in California on the population of the region?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt in your readings, answer the question below in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*Why was slavery a significant issue during the westward expansion of the United States?*