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Reading Guide for:  
**9.2 Manifest Destiny**

- CQ#2: What were the driving forces behind westward expansion? Why did Americans (individuals, groups & government) want westward expansion?
- CQ#3: How did relations between Americans and American Indians evolve over time? What was the “The Indian Problem” and how did the United States attempt to address this “problem?”

**Instructions:** In the textbook, use information from chapter 9, section 2 titled “Manifest Destiny” to provide thoughtful written responses to the following prompts.

- (1) What was Jefferson’s vision for the west? What did he mean by an “empire for liberty?”
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (2) Define “manifest destiny.” Why do you think Americans believed this?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (3) Explain 3 economic causes of westward expansion.
  - a.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (4) Identify 3 ways Native Americans living in the west responded to American westward expansion?
  - a.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c.

- (5) What does Richard White mean by “the middle ground?” How did “the middle ground” affect American and American Indian relations?
- (6) Define “Treaty of Fort Laramie.” What did each side get in the treaty? What potential problems do you foresee in this treaty?
- Treaty of Fort Laramie:
  - Americans get:
  - American Indians get:
  - Potential Problems:
- (7) How did Americans get west? What risks did they take heading west?
- How:
  - Risks:
- (8) Define “Mormons”, “Joseph Smith” and “Brigham Young.” How did the Mormon maintain community in the west?
- Mormons:
  - Joseph Smith:
  - Brigham Young:
  - How Community:
- (9) Define “Fifty-Four Forty or Fight.” What does this slogan refer to? How was the “fight” avoided?