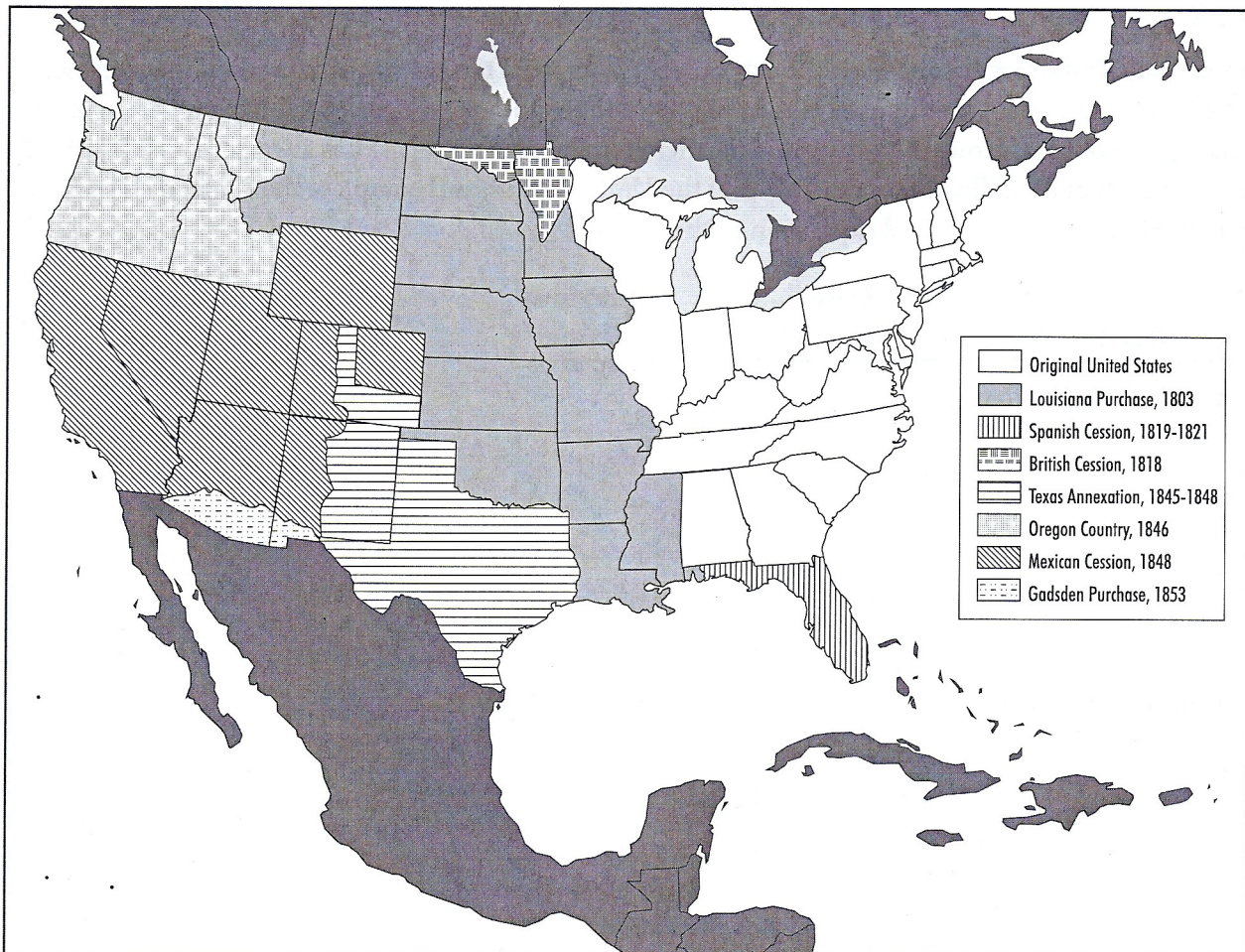


Suggested Responses, Handout 12, Part B



Enlarging the National State

Part A.

Directions: Today Americans unanimously accept the present territorial boundaries of the continental United States. That was not always the case. Opponents of expansion objected to the acquisition of each piece of land. However, the dominant theme in the country's past has always been expansion. Research each of the following acquisitions of the United States, and complete the chart to show how the United States accomplished expansion to the Pacific.

Territory	Date Acquired	Previous Owner	Circumstances of Acquisition
1. Original United States			
2. Louisiana Purchase			
3. British Cession			
4. Spanish Cession			

Territory	Date Acquired	Previous Owner	Circumstances of Acquisition
5. Texas Annexation			
6. Oregon Country			
7. Mexican Cession			
8. Gadsden Purchase			