

1. 1775 The land west of the Cumberland Gap is controlled by _____, _____, and _____.
The rest is occupied by _____.
2. _____ and his 30 men cut through the Cumberland Gap.
3. For the _____ this is not wilderness, it is home. They will _____ it at all costs.
4. According to one commentator, the American character is _____, more than anything.
5. Jefferson bought the _____ from Napoleon.
6. Lewis and Clark's journey becomes one of the most epic tales of _____ in American history.
7. The Rockies are _____ separate mountain ranges, _____ miles long.
8. Sacagawea guides them, finds wild _____, and saves their precious _____.
9. Lewis and Clark's expedition discovers _____ species of wildlife, transforming science and _____.
10. The West's most valuable commodity is _____, hunted nearly to extinction in _____.
11. Jedediah Smith walks up to _____ miles each year and traps _____ pelts in a season – _____ years' pay.
12. The _____ show him ancient shortcuts, sell him _____, _____ his sick men back to health.
13. _____ Grizzly bears are on the prowl. Up to _____ feet tall, _____ pounds. Today
there are fewer than _____ grizzlies in the Rockies.
14. Jed Smith's right-hand man stitches his _____ and _____ back to his head.
15. The trails Smith made became settler _____, wagon trains, and today it is _____.
16. In this colossal migration to _____ and _____, settlers can walk _____ a day for up to
_____ months straight. Some go through _____ pairs of boots each. _____ are children.
17. _____ Americans will die on the journey west, _____ graves for every mile.
18. There's one final obstacle to the pioneers' journey to California: _____. Peaks
up to _____.
19. Donner chose a shortcut that would shave _____ off the journey, a savings of _____.
Instead, the shortcut added _____ miles. Supplies are _____ and they have a broken _____.
20. _____ feet of snow falls and the Donner Party is stranded for _____ months.
21. They eat charred _____, twigs, bark, _____, dirt and _____ (meaning _____).
22. The pass is renamed the "_____ Pass," Today it's the _____ Highway.
23. Mexico invited American settlers in, but they were not abiding to the _____. Once they
outnumber Mexicans _____ to 1, they start thinking about _____.
24. America hears “_____ the Alamo” and Texas is _____, California is _____ and bought.
25. When gold is discovered in California, _____ desperate amateur prospectors flood the Sierra foothills.
26. In San Francisco, a plot of land worth _____ before the gold strike now changes hands for _____.
27. In two years, the population of California explodes from 15,000 to _____.
28. But a Belgian traveled 6,000 miles and the first thing he finds isn't gold. It's _____.

29. After just _____ years, the gold rush is over. Of _____ who rush to find gold, less than _____ out of 100 struck it rich.
30. But fortunes were made by the _____ and landowners who _____ the miners.
31. Settler families of _____ or more lived in _____, with a single room.
32. Malaria kills one in _____ of the settlers. This settler's name is Abraham _____.
33. In 1800, _____ million acres of Indiana is wilderness. In _____ years, it's tamed, flat, fertile farmland.
34. "It's always been one of the deep _____ of the American imagination, that it can't imagine a _____ for American-Indian people as _____." (or _____)
35. 1830 Jackson declares a new policy: the _____ relocation of tribal people onto reservations.
36. An episode in American history that even some of the soldiers taking part find _____.
37. Running from Minnesota to New Orleans, the Mighty _____.
38. Farmers build _____, fill it with whatever they grow, drift downstream. The flatboats are sold for _____, and the farmers walk _____ miles home.
39. Lincoln sees an invention that transforms the Mississippi, the Midwest, and America. The _____.
40. It can travel _____ miles a day, _____ times faster and can carry _____ times the cargo of a raft.
41. But they're deadly. Over _____ the early models explode, maiming and killing _____.
42. The steamboat makes the _____ America's economic powerhouse.
43. Over _____ generations, America grew from a _____ mile wide strip of colonies on the Eastern seaboard to a continental powerhouse.