

# Guided Reading Activity



## The United States West of the Mississippi River

### Lesson 2 *History of the Region*

**Essential Question:** How do people make economic choices?

### Early Settlements

**Directions:** Use your textbook to answer the following questions about early settlements west of the Mississippi River.

1. Who were the first people to live in the United States west of the Mississippi River? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Name two ways Native Americans' lives changed after Europeans arrived. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Who were the first Europeans to come to the region and where did they settle? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What were missions? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What kinds of crops did Spanish settlers introduce to the region? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Westward Expansion

**Directions:** Complete the time line by filling in key events during the westward expansion of the United States.

- 1803 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1845 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1846 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1848 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1867 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1900 \_\_\_\_\_

### Agriculture and Industry

**Directions:** Use your textbook to complete the webs by filling in the different ways that people make a living west of the Mississippi River.

