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AMERICA: THE STORY OF US

**“Westward”**

1. What is the most valuable commodity in the West?
2. What does the freezing Rocky Mountain water do to beaver pelts?
3. How many calories are need each day to survive as a trapper in the West?
4. What animal is the most deadly frontier beast?
5. One of the paths used by Jedediah Smith survives today as \_\_\_\_\_.
6. What was & is the “American Dream” according to the video.
7. What is the “greatest toll of all” on the trails west?
8. Who is the leader of the wagon train heading west in June of 1946?
9. What is the final obstacle to the wagon trains journey (above)?

10. How many miles does “Hastings Cutoff” supposedly cut off from the trek west? How many miles does it actually add?
11. What did the members of the Donner Party turn to as a food source after all of their food options seemed exhausted (i.e. pack animals, charred bones, twigs, bark, leaves, dirt).
12. What precious metal (hidden under the Sierra Nevada) changed the West?
13. What North American nation was an even bigger superpower than the United States in the 1830s?
14. What message did the Mexican government hope the Alamo would send to Americans? What did America hear?
15. What did the discovery of gold do to the population of California?
16. How many years did the Gold Rush actually last?
17. What happened to Native Americans in 1830 under President Andrew Jackson?
18. What new invention transformed the Mississippi River, the Midwest, & ultimately America?