

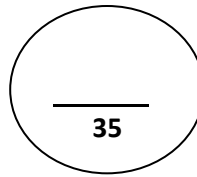


The History Channel  
*America: The Story of US*  
*Episode #3-Westward*

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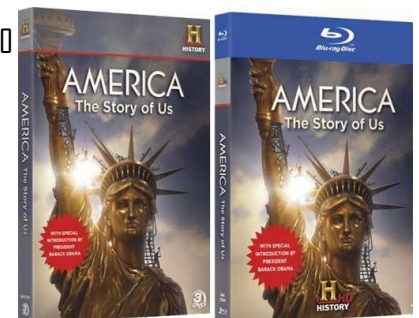
**Directions:** Fill in the blanks below. This is a quick paced worksheet; questions will be answered fast throughout the video.

1. The land west of the Cumberland Gap is controlled by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ & his men cut through the Cumberland Gap.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ of Boone's men die settling Kentucky.
4. Land hunger becomes a \_\_\_\_\_, even for the government.
5. Jefferson bought the Louisiana Territory from \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Rockies are \_\_\_\_\_ separate mountain ranges.
7. Lewis & Clark discover over \_\_\_\_\_ species of wildlife.
8. The West's most valuable commodity is \_\_\_\_\_, nearly hunted to extinction in Europe.
9. Jed Smith is successful because he works with \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The trails Smith made became settler paths, wagon trains, and today it is \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Settlers can walk up to \_\_\_\_\_ a day, for up to \_\_\_\_\_ months straight.
12. Families save for \_\_\_\_\_ years to join the exodus.
13. A wagon & oxen cost a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ in today's money.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Americans will die on the journey west, \_\_\_\_\_ graves for every mile.
15. The settlers needed to clear the mountain passes before \_\_\_\_\_, or the consequences would be terrifying.
16. Donner found a shortcut that would shave \_\_\_\_\_ off the journey, a savings of \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Instead, the shortcut added \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The Donner Party is stranded for \_\_\_\_\_. It takes only \_\_\_\_\_ to eat all the food.

19. Christmas 1846 -- The Donner party eat their first \_\_\_\_\_.
20. **TRUE OR FALSE:** No one from the Donner party survived.
21. The Mexican empire stretches from \_\_\_\_\_ to Guatemala.
22. The Battle of the Alamo showed America was willing to \_\_\_\_\_ to expand West.
23. In \_\_\_\_\_, gold is discovered in a California river.
24. In 2 years, the population of California goes from \_\_\_\_\_ to 100,000.
25. Less than \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ got rich from the gold rush, except for the merchants.
26. Settler families of 10 or more lived in \_\_\_\_\_, with a single room.
27. The forced relocation of Native Americans was the policy of the US for over \_\_\_\_\_ years.
28. The Mississippi River stretches \_\_\_\_\_ miles, stretching from Minnesota to \_\_\_\_\_.
29. **TRUE OR FALSE:** The Mississippi River is the only way for the farmers in the West to sell their produce.
30. Once down the river, the flatboats are sold for \_\_\_\_\_, and the farmers walk \_\_\_\_\_ miles home.
31. The new invention that transforms the Mississippi, the Midwest, & America is the \_\_\_\_\_.
32. The new invention can travel \_\_\_\_\_ miles a day, \_\_\_\_\_ times faster and can carry \_\_\_\_\_ times the cargo of a raft.
33. The problem is that over 1/2 the early models \_\_\_\_\_.
34. The steamboat makes the \_\_\_\_\_ America's economic powerhouse.
35. Over \_\_\_\_\_ generations, America grew from a \_\_\_\_\_ mile wide strip of colonies on the Eastern seaboard to a continental powerhouse.

**Note:** If you miss any portion of the video, please check the internet or your TV schedule for episodes. Also, this DVD collection can be purchased for less than \$20. This would be a great series to watch with the whole family.

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