



## GUIDE TO READING NOTES

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### 16.2 The Explorers

#### Reasons they moved to the West

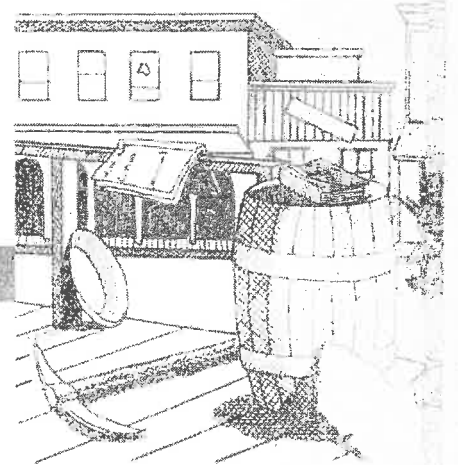
- They wanted to begin trade with Indian people.
- They hoped to find the Northwest Passage.
- They wanted to find out what the United States had bought when it purchased Louisiana.

#### Hardships they faced

- Rowing against the current caused blistered hands and sore muscles.
- They were bothered by mosquitoes and grizzly bears.
- Prickly-pear cactus thorns pierced their feet.
- Starvation was an ever-present danger.

#### Legacies they left

- The explorers mapped the route to the Pacific.
- They established good relations with western Indian peoples.
- They brought back information about the West.



### 16.4 The Mountain Men

#### Reasons they moved to the West

- The trappers went to search for furs.

#### Hardships they faced

- The mountain men feared attack by fur thieves, Indians, wolves, and bears.
- Death from accident or disease was a hazard of the profession.

#### Legacies they left

- The mountain men explored the West.
- Their routes became the Oregon and California Trails.
- Their trading posts became supply stations for settlers.
- Their personal journals make entertaining reading.



## 16.3 The Californios

### Reasons they moved to the West

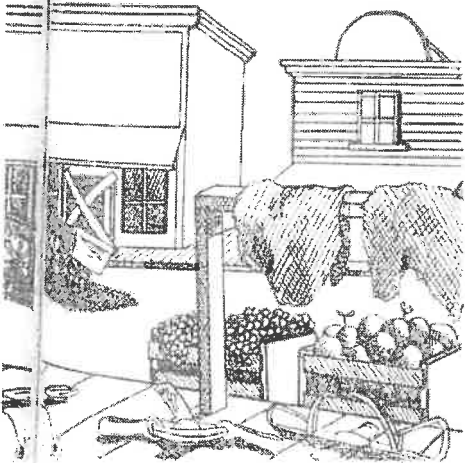
- Spanish priests went to establish missions.
- Other Spanish settlers wanted to find land for settlement.

### Hardships they faced

- Neighbors lived so far apart that loneliness was a daily problem.
- Government officials were unskilled and dishonest.

### Legacies they left

- The Californios gave us Spanish names for California cities.
- They brought new crops, such as grapes, olives, and citrus.
- They opened California to the world.



## 16.5 The Missionaries

### Reasons they moved to the West

- The missionaries intended to convert Native Americans to Christianity.
- They also wanted to help settle the country and establish churches.

### Hardships they faced

- Crossing the steep Rocky Mountains in wagons was difficult.
- Hostile Indian warriors sometimes attacked them.

### Legacies they left

- These settlers brought disease and death to many Native Americans.
- They opened the West to settlement.



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#### Reasons they moved to the West

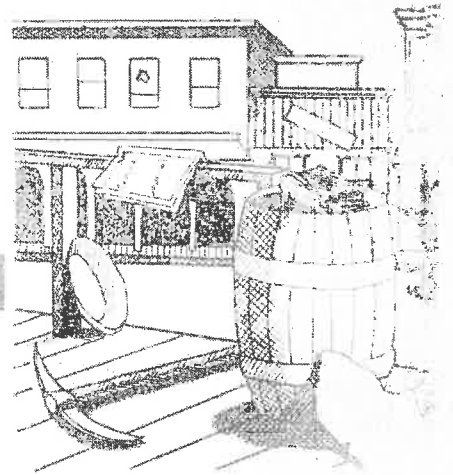
- Women moved west to find new opportunities, such as establishing homesteads and finding husbands.

#### Hardships they faced

- Leaving the comforts of home and leaving treasured items along the trail was emotionally difficult.
- Cooking, washing clothes, and caring for children while traveling 15 to 20 miles a day was grueling work.
- Disease and accidents killed their loved ones.
- Along the trail, they suffered from cold and thirst.

#### Legacies they left

- Women brought schools, churches, libraries, literary societies, and charitable groups to the rugged west.
- They fought for and won the right for women to vote in the West.



### 16.8 The Forty-Niners

#### Reasons they moved to the West

- The forty-niners hurried west to find gold.

#### Hardships they faced

- They had a difficult journey to California, by either land or sea.
- High prices made it hard to get ahead.
- There were no police to keep order, so camps were rough and dangerous.
- Gold mining was hard, tedious work.

#### Legacies they left

- Warfare and disease reduced the Native American population.
- Many Californios lost their land to these newcomers.
- Their arrival increased the population of California so that it could become a state.



### 16.7 The Mormons

#### Reasons they moved to the West

- The Mormons moved west to escape persecution back east.

#### Hardships they faced

- Their road was a difficult journey with many deaths.
- Life in a dry, barren land was difficult for these farmers.

#### Legacies they left

- Mormons were the first pioneers to settle in the Great Basin.
- They pioneered farming methods such as dams, canals, and irrigation ditches.
- They helped other settlers make their way west.
- In Utah, they established a center for what is now a worldwide religion.

### 16.9 The Chinese

#### Reasons they moved to the West

- The Chinese migrated across the Pacific to find gold and riches.

#### Hardships they faced

- Laws taxing foreign miners drove these Chinese out of the gold camps.
- Chinese immigrants suffered persecution by Americans.

#### Legacies they left

- The Chinese helped develop agriculture in California.
- They brought their culture to the West.

