

North America in the Nineteenth Century

Instructions: Use the three maps of North America to answer the questions below.

1. Look at “North America 1800.” How many countries claimed territory in North America in 1800?
 2. According to “North America 1800,” which two countries claimed the largest amount of territory?
 3. Look at “North America 1800” and “Early Indian Groups.” What types of groups claimed land in North America?
 4. a. Explore “Early Indian Groups.” Have you heard of the majority of the groups on this map?
b. Write down the names of Indian groups that you recognize or have heard of before.
 5. What large, regional categories are labeled in “Early Indian Groups”? List them.
 6. a. Find southern Arizona on “Early Indian Groups.” What groups do you recognize there?
b. What do the names that are used tell you about this map?

- c. From the reading, what do you know about the diversity within each of these categories? For example, were the Pima one single, unified group? What can you infer about the other groups on the map?
7. a. Use the information in “Early Indian Groups” and “U.S. Westward Expansion” to help you figure out approximately which Indian groups’ lands were transferred in the Louisiana Purchase. List ten Indian groups that lived in that region.
- b. According to your reading, did the United States have control of this region when it bought France’s claim? Why or why not?
8. a. Use the information in “Early Indian Groups” and “U.S. Westward Expansion” to help you figure out approximately which Indian groups’ lands were transferred in the Gadsden Purchase. Which Indian groups do you think were most affected by this land transfer?
9. a. Look at “U.S. Westward Expansion.” List the names and dates of the eight major territorial gains the United States made after 1783.
- b. What was the last territorial gain in the continental (mainland) United States?
- c. In what decade did the United States gain the most territory?