

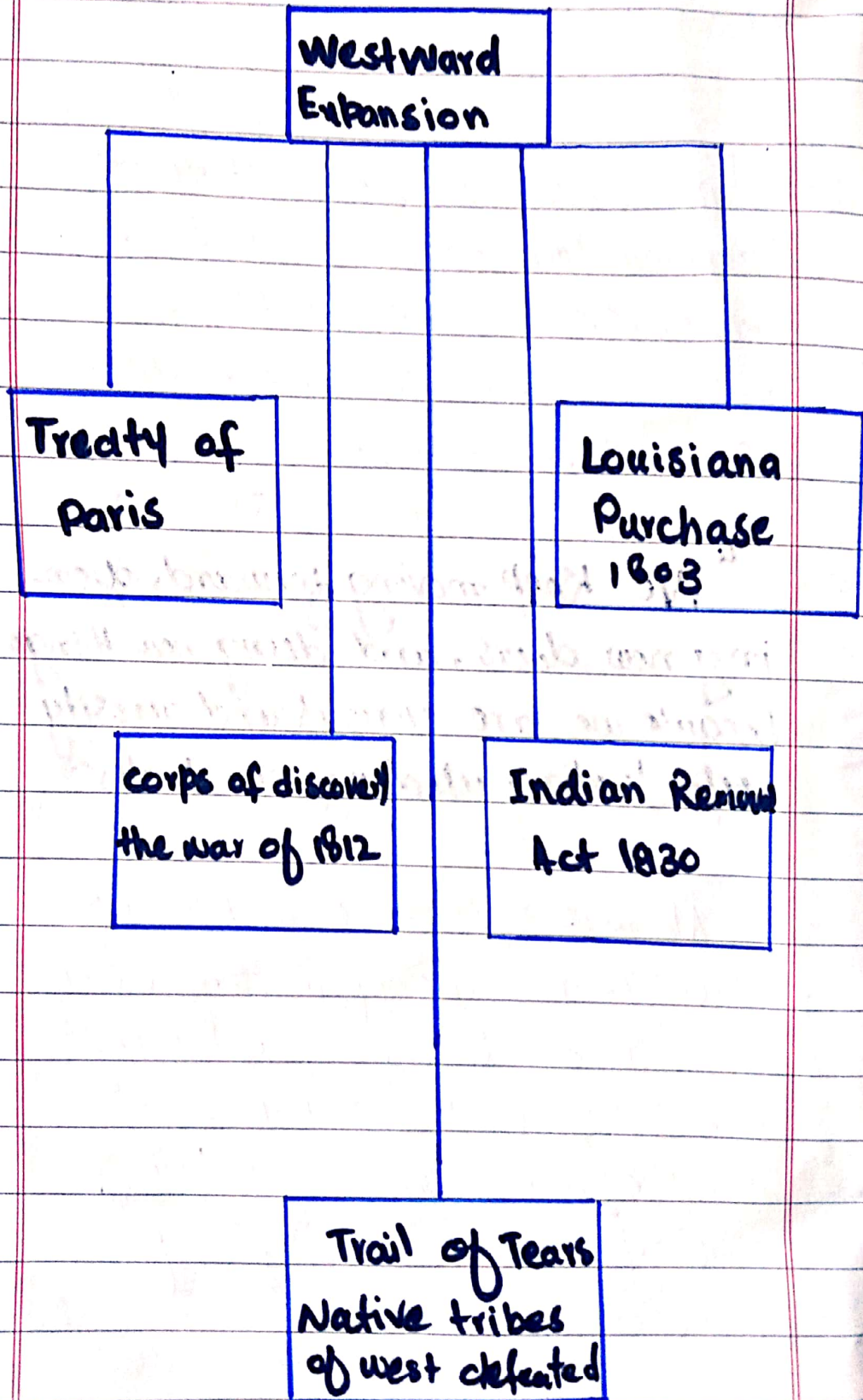
US - History

1- Introduction: The westward expansion was a story of annexations, concessions and purchases, since the declaration of Independence.

"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things because we are curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths"

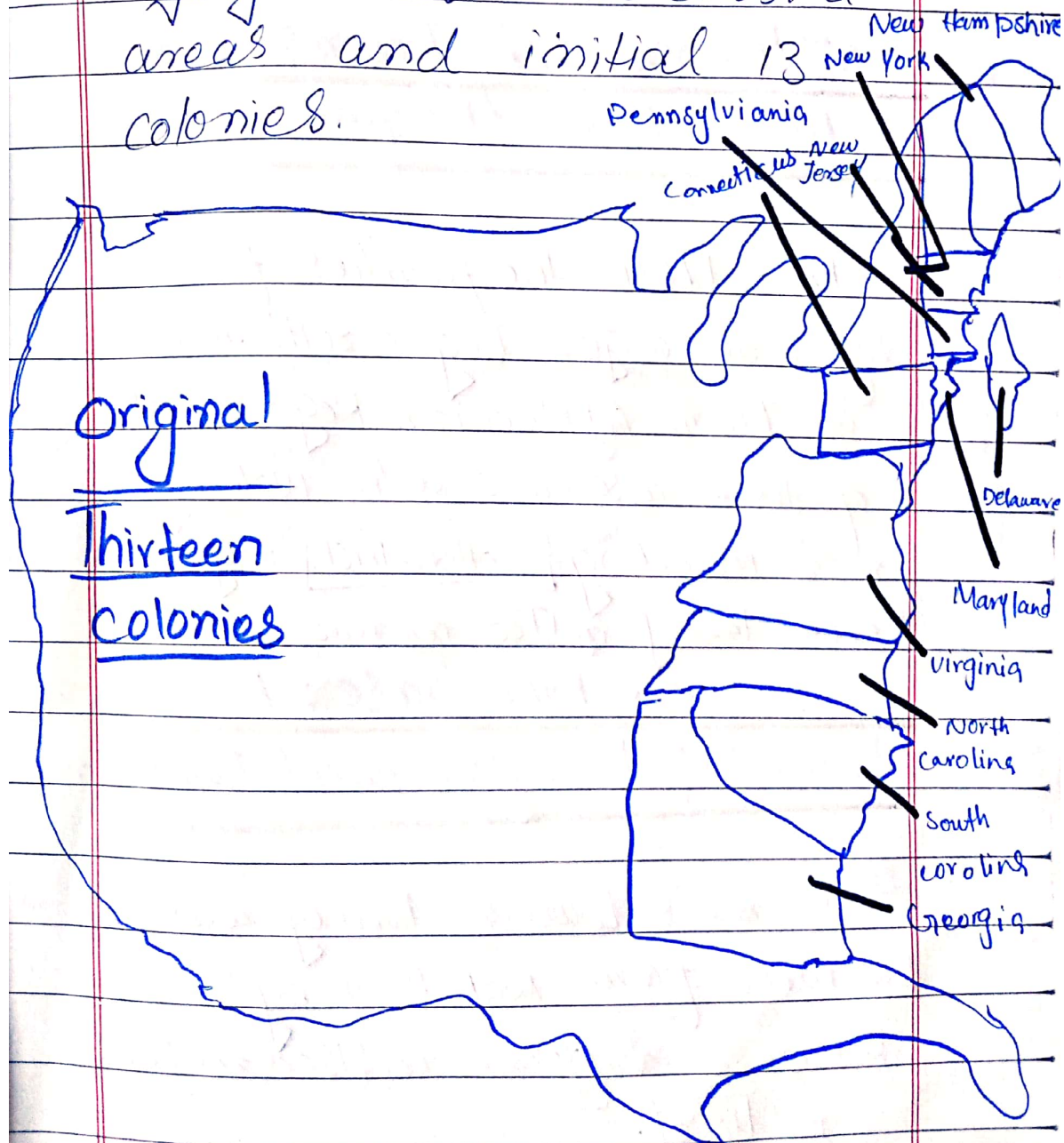
Manifest Destiny principle of white people along with national interest led towards westward expansion. Westward Expansion is the main theme of 19th century in the history of United States.

The early colonial settlements were confined to eastern belt



Initial colonies after the independence of America 4 July 1776

Initially America after its independence in 4 July 1776 was at coastal areas and initial 13 colonies.



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3- Important events of westward Expansion

The westward expansion include in itself series of incidents

4- Settlement of Trans Appalachian Region

In 1769 the families from different region began settlements in Trans Appalachian Region. Most of them associated with Watonga river including Scottish-Irish region. Peace treaty in 1783 increased people.

5- Louisiana purchase: An Impetus to westward Expansion

France's Louisiana treaty was purchased from Napoleon by president Jefferson in \$1500 millions in 1803.

- Corps of discovery Expedition;
A positive step towards
westward Expansion

In 1802, Jefferson asked his private secretary and military advisor "the most direct & practicable water communication across the continent". This journey opened door for westward expansion.

7- War of 1812 played its
parts in westward Expansion

In Battle of Thames the Indians were weakened. The war of 1812 did had the clear losers and Indian resistance came to an end. The Indiana got statehood in 1816 and Illinois in 1818. So the statehood of these two colonies added more to westward expansion.

8- The Oregon Trail

There was a danger of 3rd world war on the conflict of Oregon Territory. So the dispute was peacefully resolved by giving Oregon Territory to United States of America.

9- American-Mexican war; use of force for expansion

In 1837, American settlers in Texas joined with their Tejano neighbours and got independence from Mexico. They petitioned to join the US as slave state.

10- California Gold Rush

On January 24, 1848 the gold was discovered in American River. The people of different states rushed toward America to make fortune.

1- The western Great Plains and Transcontinental Road

with cries of "Gold! Gold in Klondike!" made the door open for people in this region. People rushed toward it. It was turned into a legitimate city.

2- Homestead Act; A nourishment to westward Expansion

The Homestead act was a new road to success with the infrastructure of railroads and moved USA towards expansion.

3- Settlement of North-West

people in the search of resources and fortune and better opportunities moved toward west. The immigrants included nationals of Germany and other European countries.

14 - Trial of Tears

The Indian people were forcefully moved towards Kansas by American people for land purposes.

15 - Manifest Destiny

The Americans considered them the best race in the world and want their ideology to prevail worldwide in the globe through reforms and consider themselves strong.

16 - Ideology and Racial Superiority

The Whiteman Burden is an example of racial superiority of English people. So they expelled the Indians from their territories e.g. Trial of Tears.

17- Legacy of westward

Expansion

westward Expansion proved to be the central factor that added to the American culture. It is not wrong to say that history of Americans in the 19th century is a history of moving frontiers.

18- Consequences of westward

Expansion

The westward expansion proved to be very beneficial as it open the way for success in east and west.

19- Conclusion

The American expansion was a series of incidents of purchase and gushing out migration towards west in search of new resources and new opportunities.