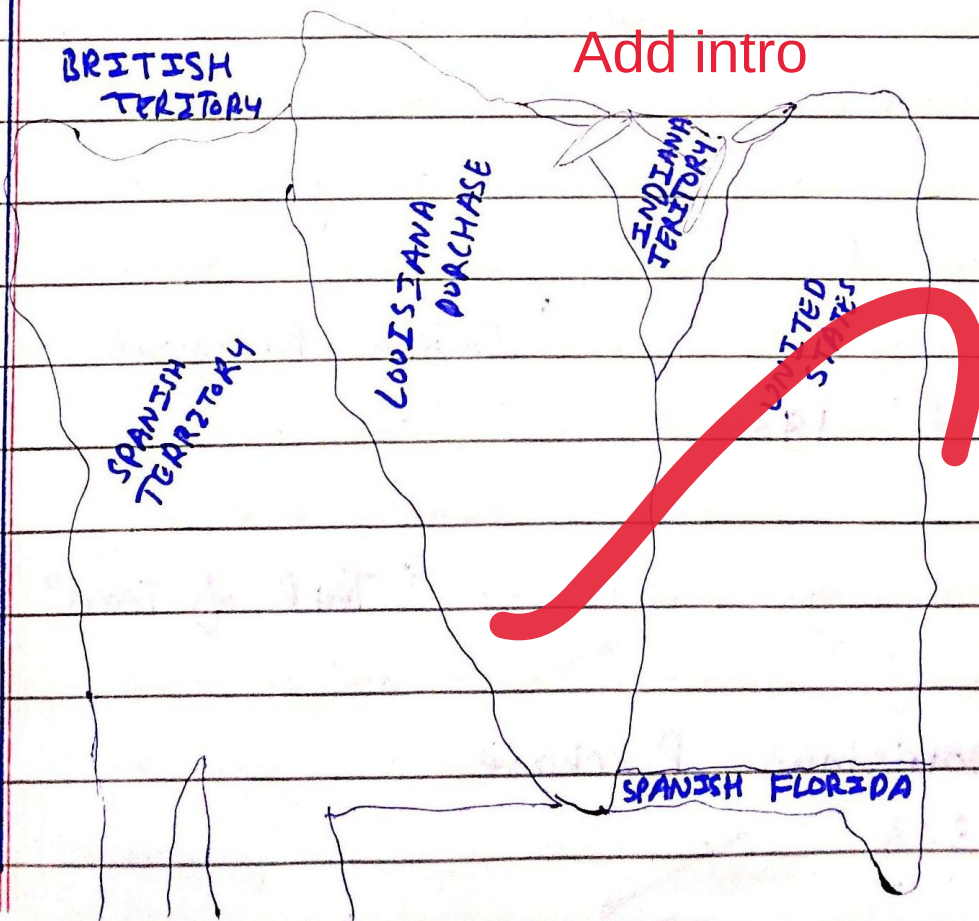


Q The westward expansion was a story of annexation, concession and purchases, since the declaration of Independence. Discuss

United State of America got independent in 1776 and occupied the area from Pacific to Atlantic till 1898. This is a story of annexations, concessions and purchases by Spanish, French and British empire. John O'Sullivan a newspaper editor gave the term 'Manifest Destiny'. The journey is from initial 13 states to present day 50 states, 14 territories and 2 capital.



The enlightenment in Europe, religious and political persecution, economic growth, new land new sources, all these factors lead to the discovery of America by Columbus. The three main powers on the American continent was British, Spanish and French. The United states got independence from Britain, now the powerful empires of France and Spain were competitors.

The story of East to West is started from 'Indiana territory'.

The ^{native} people ~~to~~ were displaced forcefully to present day.

Almost 4000 to 1600 people were displaced. They passed an act to remove natives, congress passed the act "Indian Removal

Act" 1830. This lead to the annexation of Indiana territory and give birth to "~~Tomb~~ of Tears", forceful removal of natives.

Louisiana Purchase was done in 1803. Louisiana was Spanish

territory. The main agenda was 'port of orleans' which became the reason of whole Louisiana purchase. Firstly, in Spain, Napoleon Bonapart revolted and with his power he wanted to build 'French empire' just like "Ottoman empire". For that reason, they need huge money and get it by selling Louisiana. Secondly, if to build his empire, he definitely had to attack European countries, they could attack on Louisiana and they were neighbouring Louisiana in North America. So, by selling Bonapart will be free from this-tension. Thirdly, and the most importantly, Haiti (present day) got independence from France. It was the huge source of revenue by great sugarcane production. Louisiana governs by the revenue of Haiti. However, with Haiti independence Louisiana become burden on French

treachery. All these reasons forced Bonaparte to sell whole Louisiana instead of alone part of Orleans. Florida annexation had been done in 1819, tho it was under ^{Spain} France after Spanish-French war. US annexed ^{west} Florida only by the treaty known as Adams onis treaty. But soon after this they annexed East Florida as well in 1919.

Texas annexation is also story to US expansion as it is the biggest state of present USA. Texas was part of Mexico and Mexico got independence from Spain in 1821. It was difficult to fight with Spanish empire, but Mexico alone is fragile. They started sending their people to Texas by borders for whole 10-20 years. Later, Mexico stopped the migration. Whereas, there were enough people migrated till that

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Time to revolt. US helped Texas to fight and get independence from Mexico. Texas became 'Lone star republic' a state in 1836.

US didn't annex it eventually because of issue of slave and non-slave states in country. In 1844, James Polk ~~was~~ ^{had} given the slogan of "Hurry! with Polk and annexation. Down! with clay and taxation". He is remembered for westward expansion because of his influential role. In 1845, when he came in power he annexed Texas. Texas added as 28th state of US.

Oregon settlement was between US and Britain. The famous slogan of that time was, 'fifty-four forty or fight!'. The area was jointly administered by US and UK. After agreement ended, US claimed 54° 40' with renewal of agreement. The settlement was done and US agreed on 49°.

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Spanish cession was done in 1848,
Jefferson attacked on Mexico and
conquered Mexican city. It
was so important for Mexico
and it made them agree to
give other areas to replace Mexican
city from US control. A treaty
was signed and Rio Grande river
became border between two, also
US gave ~~to~~ \$15 million to Mexico.
US did Gadsden purchase in 1854,
by Mexico in \$10 million.

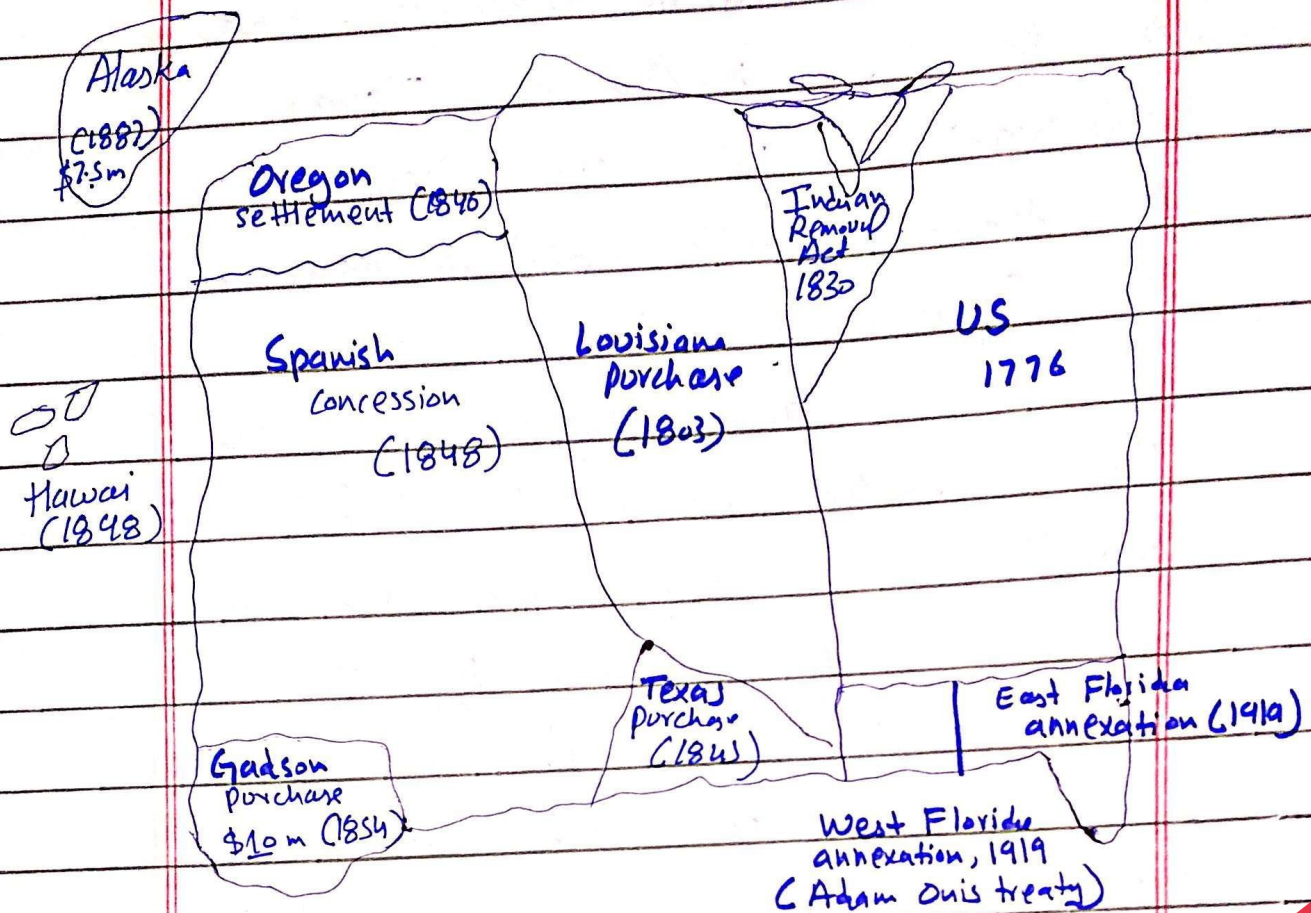
Alaska purchase was done by
Seeward in 1887 as was known
as 'seeward's folly'. US purchased
Alaska for \$7.5 million. Russia
faced economic crises because of
Crimean war in 1860 and needed
money. Russia gave Alaska to
US by saying that they had
enough ice. The Seeward folly
now became Seeward's success by number
of minerals from Alaska which
contributes in US economy.

Hawaii annexation was also done by the very method of Texas annexation. US send their people to Hawaii; after alot of migration, the Queen of Hawaii got concerned about it and stopped migration. However, the revolt of public resulted in independence and later annexation of Hawaii by US. Hawaii is present in Pacific Ocean and become the last state added in USA. In WWI, Japan attacked on pearl harbor in Hawaii.

Guam and Puerto Rico are among the 14 territories of USA.

Denouement

USA took almost more than a century to move from sea to sunshine. The story started from 13 states and ended on 50 states (48 main land and two Alaska and Hawaii). It resulted firstly becoming regional power (first) and later global power. The huge addition



of resources and minerals. The more the land, the more the resources. There are number of merits of westward expansion. But, no doubt US nullified the freedom which was the very reason of moving to new land. So, westward expansion was a story of annexation, concession and purchases. The journey from Pacific to Atlantic since the declaration of Independence.

Add subheadings

Proper argument formation is required

Link all points to the main points

Good luck!