

# Growth of the United States



## **As a Young Historian, I will be able to...**

- Describe the territorial expansion of the United States.
- Summarize the causes and effects of the Civil War.
- Explain how American democracy grew in the 1800s.
- Analyze the impact of economic growth and social reform on the United States

# United States Expands

**Expansionism- Extending the nation's boundaries**

**1803- President Jefferson purchases the Louisiana Territory from France**

**The Louisiana Purchase** doubles the size of the United States, & the Mexican War adds the Southwest & California

**Manifest Destiny-** American belief the nation was destined to spread from sea to sea in North America

# Expanding Democracy

The United States had reformers who aimed at changing laws for the United States

The **Abolition Movement** sought to end slavery, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe convinced northerners that slavery was evil

Women began to protest for their rights such as women's suffrage, the right to vote



# The Civil War

The Northern states were mostly industrial while the agricultural South depended on slavery

When Abraham Lincoln was elected, the South **seceded**- withdrew from the union of the United States

The Confederate States of America (South) fought with the Union (North) in the **Civil War**

War lasted from 1861-1865 & divided families & the Nation

# African Americans After the War

**Emancipation Proclamation-** Declaration that freed African Americans in the Confederate States

When the war ended, three new amendments were drafted to the constitution to end slavery

**Segregation-** Legal separation of the races in public places “Jim Crow Laws”

African Americans still struggled after the war for jobs, living conditions, or sought new locations



# Economic Growth & Reform

By 1900 The United States led the world in industry & agricultural input

Free Enterprise in the United States allowed entrepreneurs to invest & expand business

Giant monopolies, however, controlled business & wages so labor unions began to form

1900 Progressive laws began to change the nation for the better with voting laws & business regulations