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America Achieves Manifest Destiny



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

- **Explain how the Mexican-American War helped the United States achieve the goal of Manifest Destiny.**
- **Identify the causes and effects of the California Gold Rush.**

Realizing Manifest Destiny

After the Mexican-American War, Mexico signs
The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.

This Treaty forces Mexico to give up the Northern
3rd of the country to the United States

U.S. also kept New Mexico & California & the
Gadsden Purchase bought Arizona & most of
the south

Wilmot Proviso- Banned slavery in any lands won
from Mexico. Congress would argue over it.

California Gold Rush

Workers at John Sutter's sawmill find flecks of gold in the river setting off **The California Gold Rush**.

80,000 people in 1849, known as forty-niners, head west to seek out a fortune.

People from South America & China migrated to region as well to seek gold.

Mining Life

Miners began searching by **placer mining**- mining with metal pans & shovels.

Miners made little money, traders made the most, & lived in poor conditions with “rough justice”

Hydraulic Mining- Using jets of water to erode the land, became very popular but caused environmental damages

Those with money sought gold via “hard rock mining”

The Chinese, Latino, & Indian populations face much hardship during this time