Westward Expansion

**Louisiana Purchase**
- In 1803 the US buys the Louisiana Territory from France for a sum of 15 million dollars. This purchase doubled the size of the United States.
- President Jefferson sends Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore the new land.
- Jefferson hoped that the new lands would open up trade with the Native Americans who lived there.

**Manifest Destiny**
The belief that the US should control all of the land “from sea to shining sea”

**War with Mexico (1846-1847)**
- Mexico was upset at the recent independence of Texas.
- After the US defeated Mexico they controlled all of California and New Mexico Territory.
- US paid Mexico $10 million for present day New Mexico and California. The US now owned all of the land from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.