**Facts to Know: Westward Expansion**

* In Daniel Boone’s time, Americans wanted more land to farm. To find it they traveled to the west.
* Daniel Boone blazed a trail that became known as the “Wilderness Road.”
* The Mountains that Daniel Boone crossed are called The Appalachian Mountains.
* The longest river in the United States is called the Mississippi River. It flows from north to south into the city of New Orleans.
* Thomas Jefferson wanted to buy New Orleans from France so that he could have control of the port. He wanted access to shipping for goods and services.
* Thomas Jefferson got a bargain when France sold the Louisiana Territory to the United States, along with the city of New Orleans.
* The Louisiana Purchase was important because it doubled the size of the United States.
* The people that Thomas Jefferson chose, to explore the Louisiana Territory were Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. On their journey, Lewis and Clark went as far west as the Pacific Ocean.
* The Shoshone woman who helped Lewis and Clark on their trip was Sacagawea.