Westward Expansion Project

Assignment: You will complete a digital poster map of the United States’ land acquisitions and answer questions about the territories.

Posters will be created using a single PowerPoint slide. Projects will be submitted via email, to [justinclark@gisd.gaggle.net](mailto:justinclark@gisd.gaggle.net). **The due date for the project will be Friday February 13.**

**What to include on the digital poster:**

* A map of the US Land Acquisitions covered in Westward Expansion unit
* Label the land acquisitions
* Include and label any major geographic features discussed in class. See Westward Expansion map for a reference
* Include and label the Oregon Trail, California Trail, Mormon Trail, and the Santa Fe Trail
* Plot and label these cities: San Francisco, Portland, Independence, Salt Lake City, Denver, Santa Fe, Tucson

**Writing Components:**

* Define Manifest Destiny in the notes section of the PowerPoint slide.
* Include a writing piece that states what the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 did for the states in the west.
* Include a writing piece that summarizes Thomas Jefferson’s Louisiana Purchase. It must include: the date of purchase, who it was purchased from, how much it cost, the clause Jefferson used to purchase the land, and what it did for the United States.
* Include a writing piece about why Texas decided to join the USA
* Include a writing piece comparing how the US incorporated the Mexican Cession and the Oregon Territory. It must include 5 facts discussed class.
* Include a sentence for each city plotted on the map, include things such discussed in class and found on the website in the Westward Expansion unit.