**Chapter 11 Study Guide**

What helped push the American fur trade to move westward in the early 1800s?

Who were mountain men?

The U.S. government argued that sending troops helped traders traveling on the Santa Fe Trail against

whom?

What put an end to American fur trading in the 1840s?

How long on average, did it take to travel the Oregon Trail?

Mormons moved from New York to the West in the early 1830s for what main purpose?

Which practice caused Mormons to be persecuted in the 1850s?

Why Brigham Young did became head of the Mormon Church?

Father Hidalgo y Costilla’s rebellion in 1810 inspired what?

Who were the Empresarios and what did they do?

Who was Stephen F. Austin?

Texan settlers disobeyed Mexican laws in the 1820s by doing what?

What happened at the battle at the Alamo in 1836?

What factors helped the Texans gain victory in the Battle of San Jacinto?

President Jackson refused to annex Texas at first because doing so would have upset the balance of what

between states?

How did the slavery issue get tied up with the doctrine of manifest destiny in the 1840s and ’50s?

Who were the Californios?

What did the American expansionists’ slogan “Fifty-four forty or fight!” refer to?

Why did some politicians support James K. Polk’s interest in annexing Oregon?

In the 1840s, President John Tyler fell out of favor with his party when he argued that the annexation of

Texas would do what?

In 1821, Mexico won its independence from Spain. How did Mexican officials change Spanish policy in

California as a result?

How would you describe the U.S. army at the beginning of the Mexican-American War?

When U.S. Army captain John C. Frémont joined the revolt in Sonoma in 1846, he wanted California to

achieve what?

What happened during the Bear Flag Revolt?

How did the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, signed in 1848, affect the United States?

How did the Gadsden Purchase benefit the United States?

Which challenge did Mexican Americans face when American settlers poured into the Southwest after

the Mexican War?

How did various cultures shape one another in the Southwest after the Mexican Cession?

How did Brigham Young’s influence resolve the western dispute over water rights?

Why did a growing number of Americans travel the California Trail from the 1830s to the 1840s?

What valuable lesson might a western traveler have learned from the story of the Donner party?

How would you describe the group of people known as “forty-niners”?

What were the positive and negative consequences of the Gold Rush years?

Women generally made money in mining communities by operating and managing what?

How would you describe Placer mining?

What happened to California’s population as a result of the Gold Rush?

As a result of the population explosion of the “gold fever” years, California became eligible for what?

What role did the transcontinental railroad play in California’s development?