Directions: Watch the video (available online) and answer the following questions.

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| 1. Which countries owned the land west of the Cumberland Gap in 1775? | 2. What individual leads the way for western expansion via the Cumberland Gap? | 3. Who was responsible for the “single biggest deal in history?” |
| 4. What geographic feature is considered a “death trap” for explorers in North America? | 5. What valuable commodity is found in the west? | 6. What is the most deadly of frontier beasts? |
| 7. How many Americans die trying to reach the west?  3338619 | 8. What mechanical problem proves disastrous for the Donner Party? | 9. What did the Donner Party resort to in order to survive? |
| 10. What is the disputed territory that lies between America and the Mexican Empire? | 11. Who wins the stand-off at the Alamo? | 12. What makes California America’s greatest prize? |
| 13. How much does the population of California increase from 1849-1851? | 14. What was the “trailer” home for the frontier settler? | 15. How many generations did it take for America to settle the west? |
| 16. What was President Jackson’s policy for Native Americans? | 17. Who was forced to march for 1,000 miles, aka the “Trail of Tears?” | 18. What is the lifeline that connects the west to the outside world? |
| 19. What new invention transforms the Mississippi River and America? | 20. What else did you learn from this video that you found interesting? | 21. In your opinion, what do you feel is the biggest hardship for those travelling west? |

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