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America: The Story of US
Episode #3-Westward

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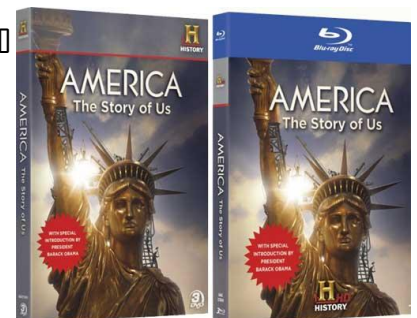
Directions: Fill in the blanks below. This is a quick paced worksheet; questions will be answered fast throughout the video.

1. The land west of the Cumberland Gap is controlled by _____, _____, and _____.
2. _____ & his men cut through the Cumberland Gap.
3. _____ of Boone's men die settling Kentucky.
4. Land hunger becomes a _____, even for the government.
5. Jefferson bought the Louisiana Territory from _____.
6. The Rockies are _____ separate mountain ranges.
7. Lewis & Clark discover over _____ species of wildlife.
8. The West's most valuable commodity is _____, nearly hunted to extinction in Europe.
9. Jed Smith is successful because he works with _____.
10. The trails Smith made became settler paths, wagon trains, and today it is _____.
11. Settlers can walk up to _____ a day, for up to _____ months straight.
12. Families save for _____ years to join the exodus.
13. A wagon & oxen cost a minimum of _____ in today's money.
14. _____ Americans will die on the journey west, _____ graves for every mile.
15. The settlers needed to clear the mountain passes before _____, or the consequences would be terrifying.
16. Donner found a shortcut that would shave _____ off the journey, a savings of _____.
17. Instead, the shortcut added _____.
18. The Donner Party is stranded for _____. It takes only _____ to eat all the food.

19. Christmas 1846 -- The Donner party eat their first _____.
20. **TRUE OR FALSE:** No one from the Donner party survived.
21. The Mexican empire stretches from _____ to Guatemala.
22. The Battle of the Alamo showed America was willing to _____ to expand West.
23. In _____, gold is discovered in a California river.
24. In 2 years, the population of California goes from _____ to 100,000.
25. Less than _____ out of _____ got rich from the gold rush, except for the merchants.
26. Settler families of 10 or more lived in _____, with a single room.
27. The forced relocation of Native Americans was the policy of the US for over _____ years.
28. The Mississippi River stretches _____ miles, stretching from Minnesota to _____.
29. **TRUE OR FALSE:** The Mississippi River is the only way for the farmers in the West to sell their produce.
30. Once down the river, the flatboats are sold for _____, and the farmers walk _____ miles home.
31. The new invention that transforms the Mississippi, the Midwest, & America is the _____.
32. The new invention can travel _____ miles a day, _____ times faster and can carry _____ times the cargo of a raft.
33. The problem is that over 1/2 the early models _____.
34. The steamboat makes the _____ America's economic powerhouse.
35. Over _____ generations, America grew from a _____ mile wide strip of colonies on the Eastern seaboard to a continental powerhouse.

Note: If you miss any portion of the video, please check the internet or your TV schedule for episodes. Also, this DVD collection can be purchased for less than \$20. This would be a great series to watch with the whole family.

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