

**Expansion Leads to Conflict****Social Studies Skills****Interpreting Movement Maps****LEARN THE SKILL**

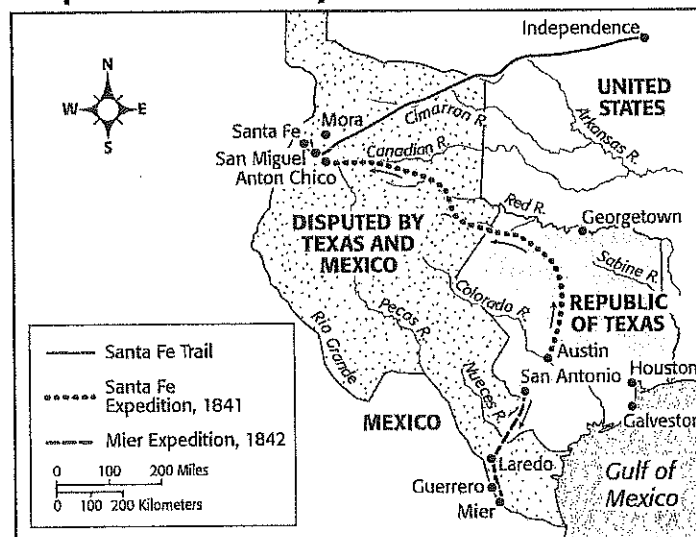
Movement maps show motion or travel from one point to another, such as sea voyages, explorations, or migrations. They can span a week, a few months, or thousands of years. Movement maps increase understanding of historical events, their chronology, and the locations they affected.

**PRACTICE THE SKILL**

Use the following strategies to interpret the movement map below.

1. **Read the title and legend to learn the purpose of the map.** What information is conveyed in the map?
2. **Identify and understand the movement shown on the map.** Trace the path of movement from start to end. What does the map tell you about the movement?
3. **Analyze the information.** Use information in the map along with your previous knowledge to draw conclusions.

**Expeditions in the Republic of Texas, 1841–1842**

**APPLY THE SKILL**

1. What is the subject and purpose of the map?  
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2. Describe the Santa Fe Expedition route.  
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3. Which of the two expeditions shown took place first?  
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**Expansion Leads to Conflict****History and Geography****ANALYZING MAPS**

1. **Location** Which of the newly acquired areas was farthest west? All or part of which present-day states include territory that was acquired at this time?

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2. **Location** Which of these territories was farthest south?

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3. **Analyze** In what year was Texas annexed?

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4. **Analyze** Which territorial acquisition from Mexico was the last? In what year was this territory acquired?

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5. **Analyze** Which current states contain territory that was gained through different acquisitions?

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**EXTENSION ACTIVITY**

Research the expansion of the United States from the original 13 colonies to its present size. How were various territories added to the country (for example, purchased or won in war)? In what years were they acquired, and from whom? Create a map to visually display this information.