



Map of the United States showing the direction of westward expansion.

**Directions:**

Read the passage and answer the questions below.

"The West is the Best" was a slogan used by settlers moving westward.

It was a way of saying that the West was a better place to live than the East.

Many people moved westward in search of a better life.

They wanted to own their own land and make their own money.

The West was a place of opportunity and adventure.

It was a place where people could start over and build a new life.

The West was a place of hope and dreams.

It was a place where people could make their own destiny.

The West was a place of freedom and independence.

It was a place where people could live the American dream.

The West was a place of opportunity and adventure.