

## NOTABLE PEOPLE – WESTWARD EXPANSION

### What is a Notable Person?

A notable person is a person who contributes to a cause in a special way. Many people contributed toward the westward expansion of the United States during the 1800's.

### Notable People related to the Louisiana Purchase were:

- **Thomas Jefferson:** the man who was President when the Louisiana Purchase was made



- **Meriwether Lewis:** who headed up an expedition
- **William Clark:** Lewis on an important
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- **Napoleon:** the French emperor who sold the Louisiana Territory to the United States for 15 million dollars




- **Sacajawea:** the Shoshone Native American woman who acted as a guide and translator for Lewis and Clark
- **The Nez Perce Indians:** the Native American tribe that gave the members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition food and shelter



### People related to Texas and the Alamo were:

- **Santa Anna:** the Mexican general who led the attack on the Alamo
- **Susanna Dickinson:** the woman who was one of four survivors at the Battle of the Alamo
- **Stephen F. Austin:** the man who is named after the county of Austin
- **Jim Bowie:** the man who died at the Battle of the Alamo
- **William B. Travis:** the man who died at the Battle of the Alamo
- **Davy Crockett:** the man who died at the Battle of the Alamo



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- **Sam Houston:** the man who commanded the Texas army at the Battle at San Jacinto and who later became the first president of the Republic of Texas
- **President James K. Polk:** the American President who asked Congress to declare war on Mexico in 1846