

To spread democracy to the west.





Escape religious persecution - Mormons





Spread the American way of life.





Led to an influx of immigrants willing to

work low paying dangerous jobs



The south wanted to add more states to

keep the balance between Free and Slave states in Congress



Gain Natural Resources





·To "civilize" people living in the west.



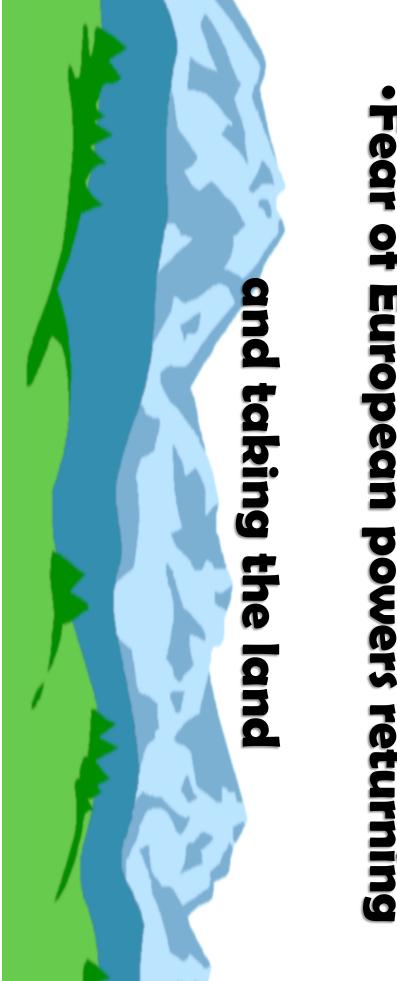


More land for settlers





Fear of European powers returning



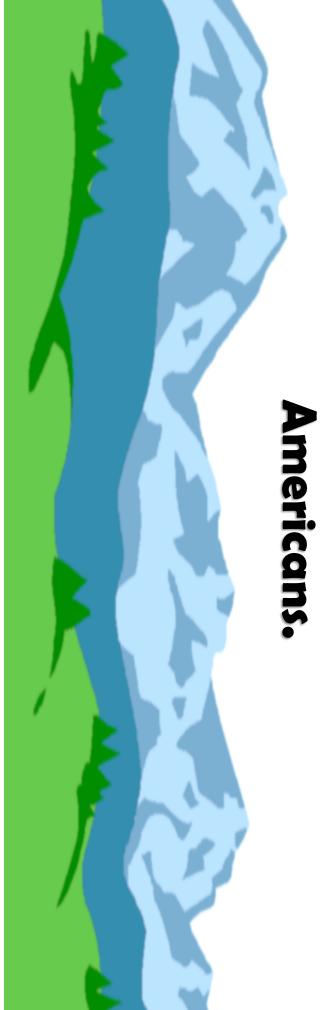


Land to grow Cash Crops;



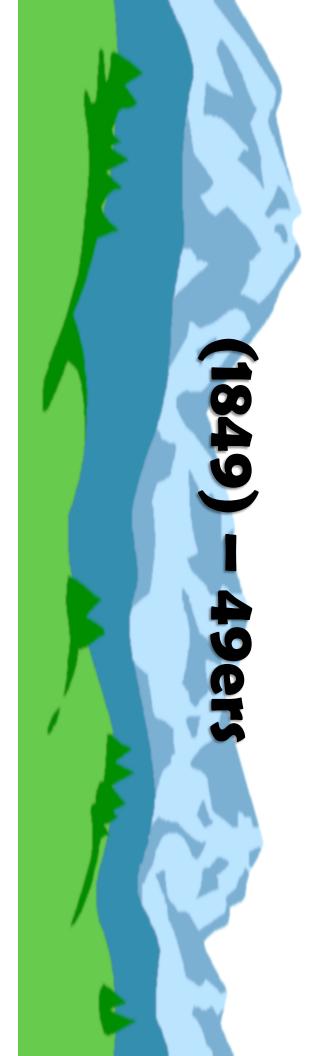


Spread religion (Christianity) to Native



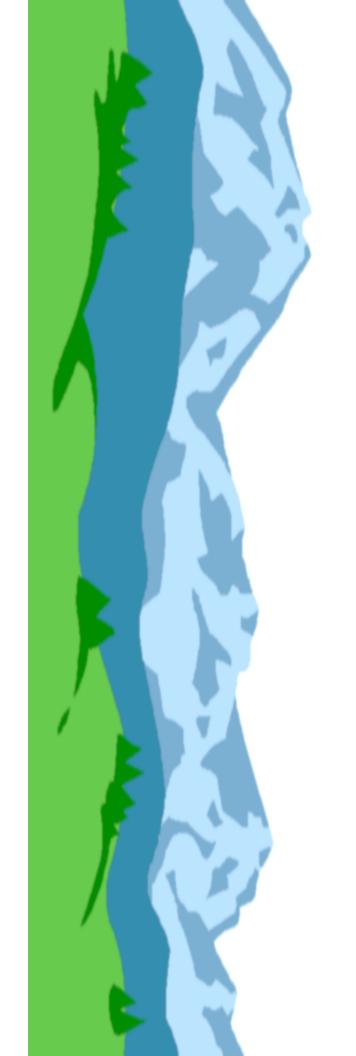


·Gold is found in California





·To bring technology to the west.





Belief that God wanted America to

reach across the entire continent.