



Across

- 3** French and Spanish explorers crossed the _____ en route to Mexico and Central America (4,2,6)
- 6** The Mississippi and Missouri Rivers flow from north to _____ and empty into the Gulf of Mexico. (5)
- 8** Many pioneers began their journey west on the _____ River, the "gateway to the West" (4)

- 9** The Ohio River was considered the "_____ to the west" because it is one of the few rivers that flow east to west (7)
- 11** The _____ River was explored by Lewis and Clark after he crossed the Louisiana Territory. (8)
- 12** Lewis and Clark reached the _____ Ocean (7)

Down

- 1** The _____ River forms the border between the U.S. and Mexico (3,6)
- 2** The Spanish explored the _____ River, and claimed the land in the southwest for Spain. (8)
- 4** The _____ and Missouri Rivers were the transportation arteries for farm and industrial goods, and they were also links to other parts of the

world. (11)

- 5** Inland port cities grew in the midwest along the _____ . (5,5)
- 7** Early settlers, immigrants and explorers crossed the _____ ocean to reach North America (8)
- 10** In the 1800s, inland port _____ began to grow around the Great Lakes (6)