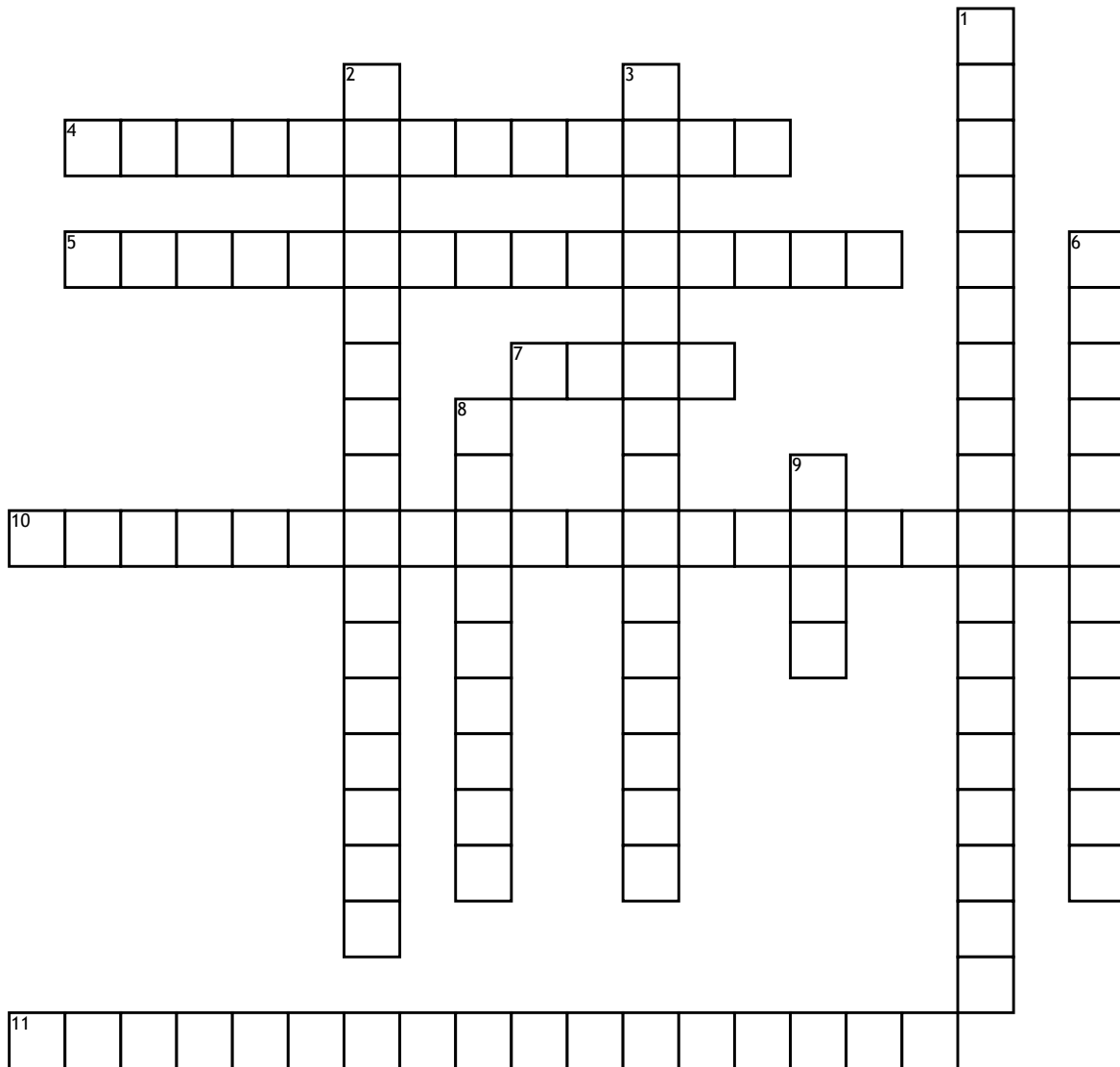


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## THE WESTWARD EXPANSION: Solve the puzzle to receive your GOLD.



### Across

4. \_\_\_\_\_ were the first explorers to travel out West after the Louisiana Purchase. Upon their return, more Americans began to travel west.
5. Pioneers experienced many dangers and hardships when traveling out west. Some of these included attacks by wild animals and hostile \_\_\_\_\_ who resented the pioneers for coming into and settling in their territory.
7. The pioneers traveled in wagons pulled by \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ of 1850 allowed single men to purchase 320 acres of land and married men to purchase 640 acres of land. This was the first law that allowed women and Native Americans to hold land in their name.
11. After Jefferson's \_\_\_\_\_, American more than doubled in size.

### Down

1. Some people traveled West in search of gold after it was discovered in California in 1848. This created what was known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The pioneers traveled down the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California Trails, which were soon known as the \_\_\_\_\_ because these were the most widely used trails while traveling west.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ was a belief that the natural outcome was for Americans to expand and settle the continent.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of 1862 offered 160 acres of land in the West to citizens who were willing to farm it for at least five years.
8. One reason Americans traveled out west was in hopes to escape \_\_\_\_\_ persecution.
9. Another reason Americans traveled out west because they heard that there were better opportunities and \_\_\_\_\_ was plentiful, affordable, and not crowded.