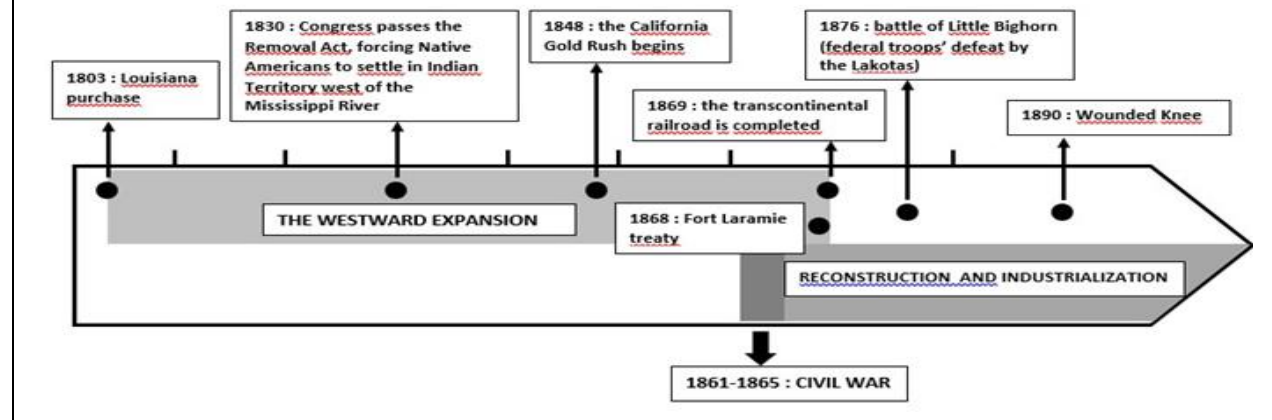


INTRODUCTION : The Manifest Destiny and the Westward expansion

Doc. 1 : John Gast, *American Progress*, 1872, oil on canvas, Autry Museum of the American West, Los Angeles

John Gast, a Prussian-born painter and lithographer, painted this picture in 1872 on commission for George Croft, the publisher of a popular series of western travel guides. It has since been frequently reproduced.

Timeline : the US in the 19th century



Doc. 2 : Territorial gains by the US



Source : National Geographic website

