Land, Politics, and Expansion in the Early Republic
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None required for this lesson.

**Lesson 6  The Land Ordinances Bring Change**

None required for this lesson.
### VA #1 Discussion Summary

1. What is the Cosumnes River Preserve?

2. How did wildlife use the land surrounding the preserve?

3. How did California Indians use the land surrounding the preserve?

4. How did settlers in the 1800s use the land surrounding the preserve?

5. How do people use the land surrounding the preserve today?
VA #2 The Proclamation of 1763

The Proclamation of 1763

Visual Aid
VA #3 Venerate the Plough
Civic virtue: Having behaviors and beliefs that put the public interest ahead of one’s own interests.

Expansion: Increasing the size of something.

Marketplace: A place where goods are bought and sold.

Profit: The amount of money or goods remaining after all costs of a transaction are deducted.

Subsistence farming: Farming practices that produce only enough crops and livestock to feed farmers and their families.

Surplus: The quantity of goods or services above the quantity needed to meet one’s own needs.
VA #5 Map of the Ohio River Valley
### VA #6 Characteristics of Land Use

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VA #7 Map of the Eastern United States
VA #8 Western Land Claims, 1783

- Original 13 states
- Areas claimed
## Western Lands: Questions

1. How can the territory gained from winning the Revolutionary War help enrich and strengthen the new country?

2. How do we distribute land but avoid conflict from boundary disputes and lawsuits?

3. How do we maintain republican ideals, law and order, and keep the union together in a rapidly expanding country?

4. What do we do to prevent more conflict with the American Indians already living in western lands?

5. How do we maintain national unity and avoid an East-West division?