



# EXPLORING MANIFEST DESTINY

# I. Manifest Destiny

A. Definition: Belief shared by many Americans in the mid-1800s that the **U.S. should expand across the continent to the Pacific Ocean.**

1. People believed God had chosen their country to spread across the Mississippi and beyond.

## II. The Louisiana Purchase

### A. The Treaty of Paris-- 1783

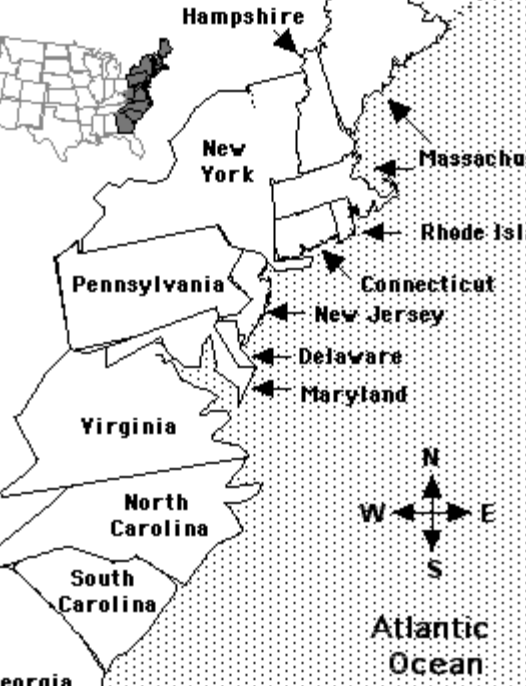
1. Gave the U.S. land all the way to the Mississippi River.

2. Doubled the size

of the U.S. from the original 13 colonies



# 13 Colonies



A map of the 13 Colonies, showing the geographical layout of the original thirteen British colonies in North America. The colonies are labeled: New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. An inset map shows the location of the colonies within the context of the entire United States. A compass rose indicates North (N), South (S), East (E), and West (W). The Atlantic Ocean is labeled to the east of the colonies.

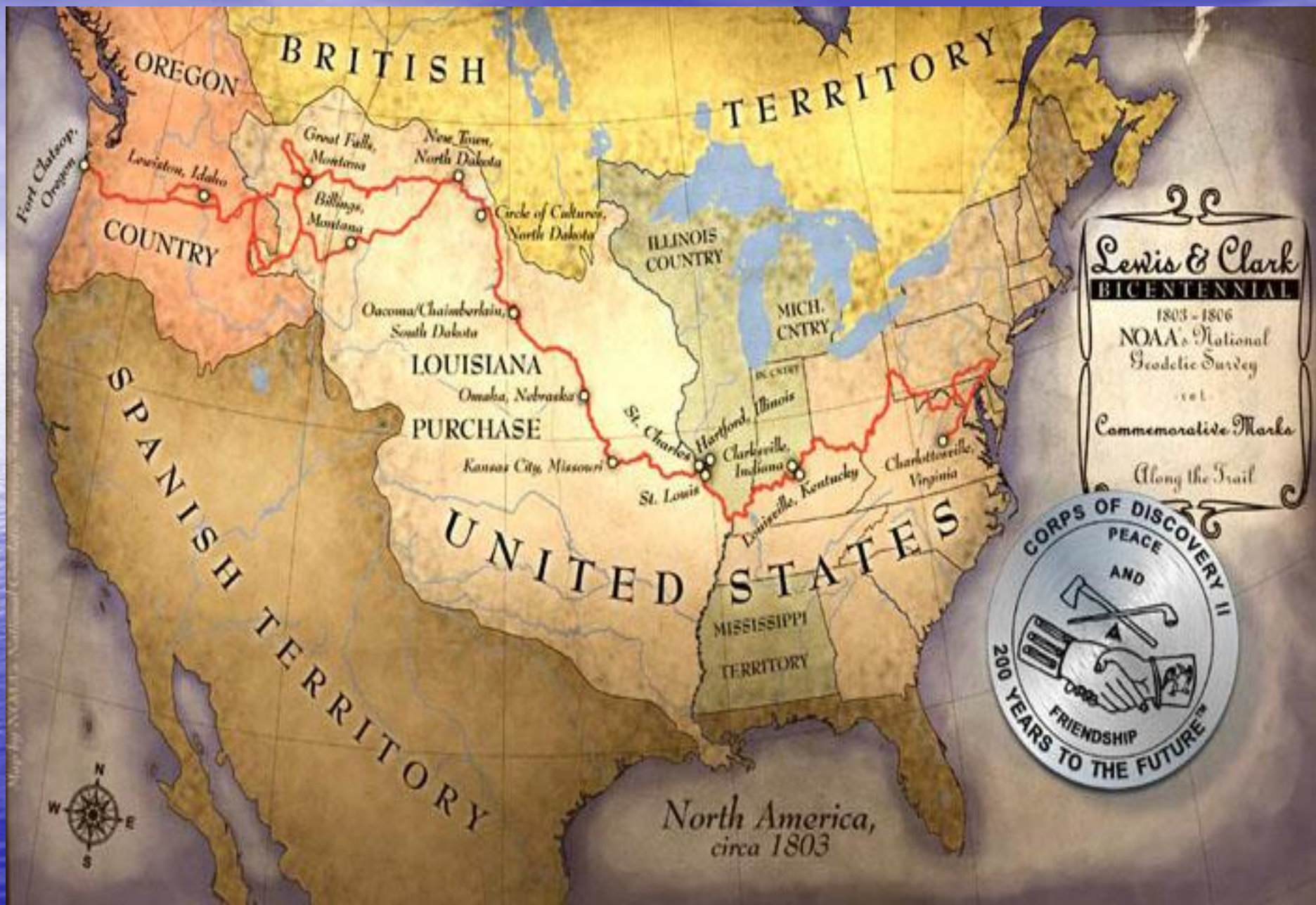




- B. **President Jefferson** doubled the size again by buying the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803.
  1. Paid only **\$15,000,000**= only 3 cents per acre!
  2. But what was out there?

### III. **Lewis and Clark**

- A. On **May 14, 1804**, **Meriwether Lewis** and **William Clark** left St. Louis, Missouri with 43 explorers.



# Jefferson Buys the Louisiana Purchase

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMh8RCqJf9U>

1. They were instructed to do many things:

- ❖ See if the **Northwest Passage** existed\_
- ❖ Make friends with the Indians and establish trade with them, if possible.
- ❖ Tell the Indians their land now belonged to the “Great White Father” in Washington.
- ❖ Collect information about the land, animals and inhabitants.

2. Reached the Pacific Ocean in  
**December, 1805**

3. On **September 23, 1806**, Lewis and Clark returned to St. Louis after two years and four months.

#### IV. Other Advances

##### A. **Zebulon Pike**

1. Tried to find the origin of the **Red River**, which makes part of the northern border of Texas

2. Explored the **Rocky Mountains** in present-day Colorado
3. Tried to climb the mountain now named after him.

## **Pikes Peak**



## B. Trans-Appalachian West

1. First settlers were hunters, trappers and fur traders
2. Then came the land speculators to make a profit off of the new land
3. In the South, westward expansion was spurred by a machine invented by Eli Whitney
  - A. Cleaned the seeds from cotton faster

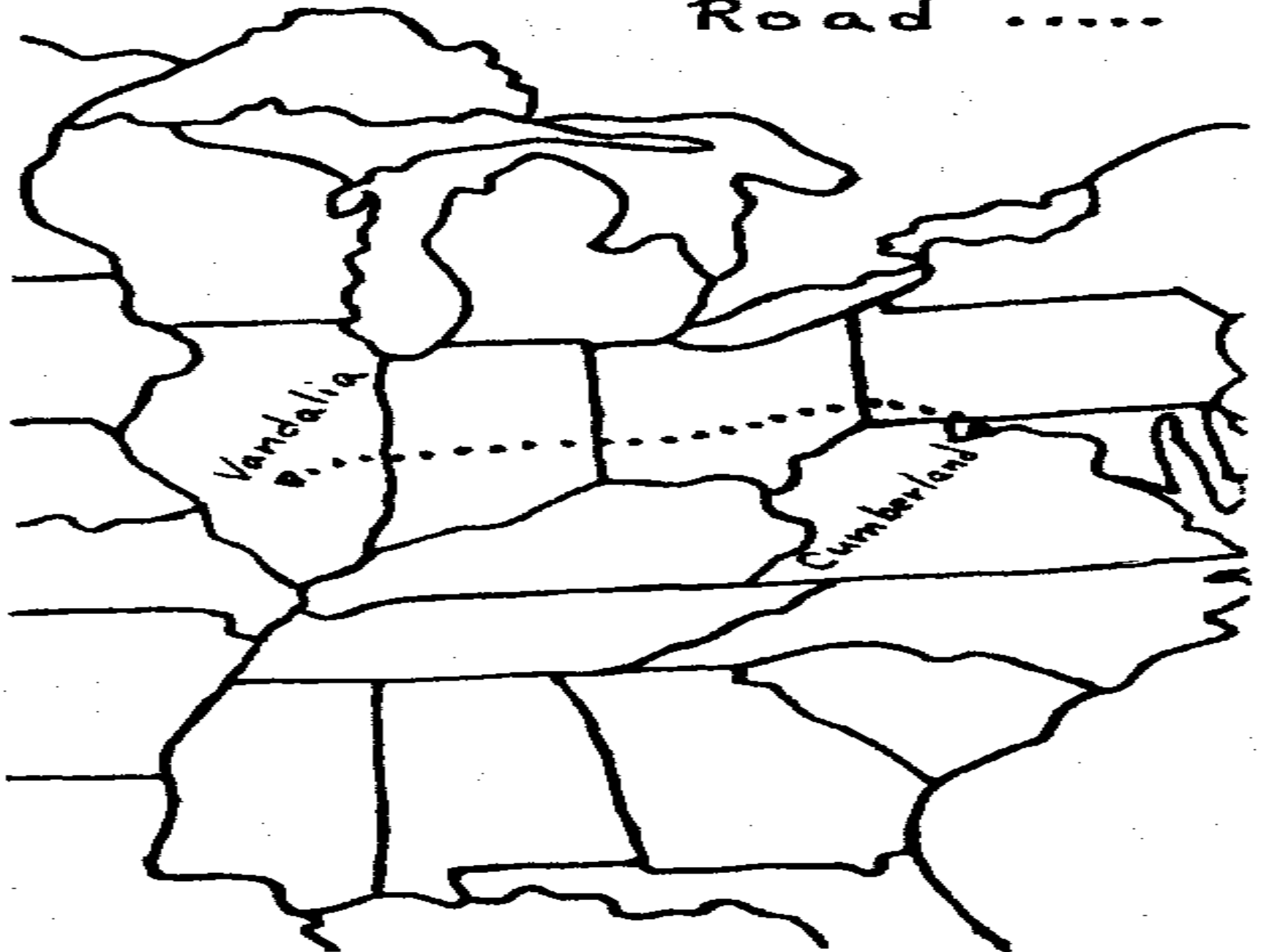


B. Sparked a growth in slavery

C. Helped the U.S. economy by  
supplying cotton for manufacturing

4. In 1806, Congress authorized \$  
for the first interstate highway,  
called the National Road

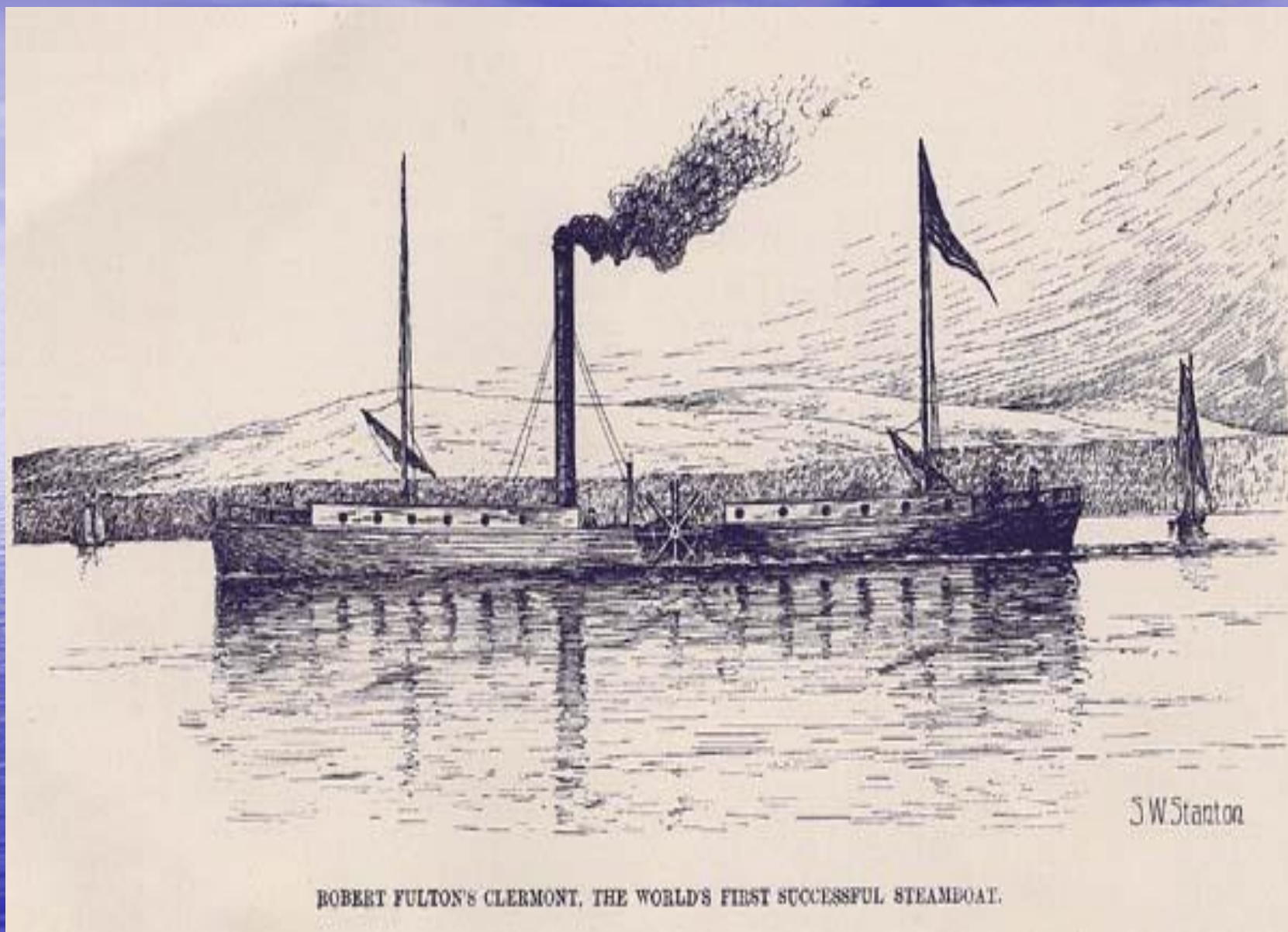
# The National Road .....



5. In 1807, another invention made travel easier. **Robert Fulton** invented it:

## **The Steamboat**





ROBERT FULTON'S CLERMONT, THE WORLD'S FIRST SUCCESSFUL STEAMBOAT.

6. The **train** and the **telegraph** also began in the 1800s



**Steam  
engine  
train**

**TELEGRAPH**

