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## Westward Expansion Matching Activity

**Directions:** Draw a line to match the term to description.

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| A. Lewis and Clark Expedition  | 1. A belief that the United States was destined to expand across the North American continent, from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.   |
| B. Manifest Destiny            | 2. A 2,000-mile trail used by pioneers to travel from Missouri to Oregon during the 19th century.  |
| C. Oregon Trail                | 3. Legislation passed in 1862 that provided 160 acres of land in the west to any citizen or intended citizen willing to farm it for five years.  |
| D. Homestead Act               | 4. A journey of exploration led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark from 1804 to 1806, commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson.   |
| E. Battle of the Alamo         | 5. A significant battle during the Texas Revolution in 1836, where a small Texan force defended the Alamo Mission against Mexican forces led by General Santa Anna.  |
| F. Transcontinental Railroad   | 6. The acquisition of the territory of Louisiana by the United States from France in 1803, doubling the size of the country.   |
| G. Louisiana Purchase          | 7. Legislation passed in 1830 that allowed the federal government to forcibly remove Native American tribes from their ancestral lands in the southeastern United States to territory west of the Mississippi River. |
| H. Native American Removal Act | 8. The construction of a railway line connecting the eastern coast of the United States with the western coast, completed in 1869, which facilitated transportation and settlement in the west.                      |