

Assignment 43

The Oregon Territory
Pages 209 -213

1. What three countries had interests in the Pacific Coast of North America in the 19th century?
2. What did the Hudson Bay Company discourage settlement in the area?
3. What did the Americans want the Oregon territory for?
4. For what reasons did the Hudson Bay Chief Factor, John McLoughlin, assist American settlers to settle south of the Columbia River?
5. What deal did the Hudson Bay Company make with the Russians on the Northwest Coast?
6. What did George Simpson do in 1841 that changed the nature of the fur trade in 1841?
7. Why was Fort Victoria, on Vancouver Island, established in 1843?
8. Read *Danger at the Fort*, page 212.
What does the reading tell us about justice in the British Northwest in the 1820's?

Character Study

1. Why was John McLoughlin such an effective fur trader for the Hudson Bay Company while at the same time become known by the Americans as the "Father of Oregon"?