



The Price of Western Expansion

Driven by Manifest Destiny, the U.S. moved west into new territories. Some land was acquired by war. Other land was purchased from countries such as France, Mexico, and Russia.

Calculate the cost per square mile that the United States paid for each piece of land.



EVENT	AMOUNT OF LAND	COST
Louisiana Purchase	828,000 sq. miles	\$15 Million in 1803
Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo	915,000 sq. miles	\$15 Million in 1848
Purchase of Alaska	586,412 sq. miles	\$7.2 Million in 1867

\$1 IN	IS WORTH THIS MUCH TODAY
1803	\$25,950
1848	\$5,168
1867	\$1,495

EVENT	HISTORIC \$ PER SQ. MILE	MODERN \$ PER SQ. MILE	Put an X on the best land deal.
Louisiana Purchase	\$	\$	
Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo	\$	\$	
Purchase of Alaska	\$	\$	

