**Chapter 5: The United States**

**Section 2 Vocabulary**

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| **New Word** | **Definition** |
| land bridge | dry land that appeared between Asia and Alaska during the Ice Age |
| immigrant | a person who moves to one country from another |
| colony | a group of people who settle a distant land but are ruled by their homeland |
| Constitution | the document that is the basis for the United States government |
| Louisiana Purchase | the action by which President Thomas Jefferson bought the Louisiana Territory from France |
| Lewis and Clark Expedition | a journey made by Lewis and Clark to explore the Louisiana Territory |
| manifest destiny | the idea that the United States should own all the land between, and even beyond, the Atlantic and Pacific oceans |
| Civil War | (1861-1865) a conflict between North and South over issues of states’ rights and slavery |
| transcontinental railroad | a railroad that crosses a continent |
| Great Depression | a period of severe economic decline from 1929 into the earlt 1940’s |
| Dust Bowl | a region of the Great Plains that suffered drought and suffocating dust storms |