

# Teacher Companion Guide Hoyt Sherman Venturing into the Unknown



Website Resources:

Manifest Destiny

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/us-history/the-early-republic/age-of-jackson/a/manifest-destiny>

<https://www.mercyone.org/desmoines/about-us/history>

<https://iowagenealogy.net/polk/biography-of-hoyt-sherman.htm>

## Student Study Guide information

Reasons to move West. ***Economic opportunity, inexpensive land, adventure, Manifest Destiny.***

General Sherman was in the ***Civil War.***

His jobs included: ***lawyer, banker, postmaster and paymaster*** (Union Army).

Sherman helps build the first ***post office, bank, street railway, public school and college*** in Des Moines.

In 1860 ***Major*** Sherman becomes the Paymaster during the Civil War, for the Union Army.

1854 ***Bank of Hoyt Sherman and Company*** established and in 1858 merged with State Bank of Iowa.

1867 he joins with other community leaders and forms ***Equitable Of Iowa Life Insurance Company.*** Creating Des Moines as a hub of insurance.

Causes of childhood death in 1800s. ***sanitation improvements, lack of vaccines, and antibiotics.***

The population of Des Moines in 1848 was ***127.***

Today Des Moines has a population of ***215,000*** and greater Des Moines more than ***700,000.***