

Part 5. What is GIS good for?

This GIS data map was designed to help you understand the process of U.S. expansion. While GIS can be very useful, there are certain types of questions that it cannot answer.

For each of the questions below:

- *circle* the question(s) that can be answered with the GIS alone
- *underline* the question(s) that cannot be answered with the GIS alone

1. Who moved west?
2. Where did people move?
3. What happened as a result of people moving west?
4. When did people move?
5. How did population patterns change over time?
6. Why did people move west?

What sources of information could you study to answer those questions that *cannot* be answered with the GIS alone?

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