Westward Expansion

Your group will be assigned one of the following treaties or purchases that helped to expand our country to the size it is today:

- Adams-Onis Treaty
- Webster-Ashburton Treaty
- Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
- Louisiana Purchase
- Gadsden Purchase
- Alaska Purchase

You will have 2 days to research the following information for your treaty or purchase:

1. Who was President?
2. What country other than the United States of America does this involve?
3. What are the terms of the treaty or purchase?
4. Why did the United States of America want it?
5. Why was the other country willing to sell or give it up?
6. Provide a map of the area.

After your group gets all the necessary research, you will input the information to either Google slides or Microsoft power point. Half of the group will do a presentation from the United States of America point of view (items 1,2,3,4 &6). The other half of the group will do a presentation from the other country’s point of view. (items 1,2,3,5 &6).

All presentations will be shared or emailed to me for grading. The rubric for grading is on the back of this sheet.
# Westward Expansion Rubric

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<td><strong>Information</strong></td>
<td>All five questions on assignment sheet are answered clearly and explained fully.</td>
<td>Four questions on assignment sheet are answered clearly and explained. OR All questions are answered clearly, but not explained fully.</td>
<td>Three questions on assignment sheet are answered clearly and explained. OR All questions are answered, but not clearly or explained.</td>
<td>Two questions on assignment sheet are answered clearly and explained. OR Only some questions are answered but none are explained.</td>
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<td><strong>Illustrations</strong></td>
<td>Illustrations go well with the information and help to explain.</td>
<td>Illustrations are nicely done and have something to do with the topic.</td>
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<td>Illustrations do not show much effort and does not go with topic.</td>
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<td><strong>Participation</strong></td>
<td>Participated and clearly was a leader.</td>
<td>Participated same amount as everyone else.</td>
<td>Participated less than others in the group.</td>
<td>Participated very little in presentation.</td>
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<td><strong>Organization</strong></td>
<td>Everything went smoothly and was easy to follow.</td>
<td>Audience could follow along.</td>
<td>There were a few organizational errors that made it a little tough to follow.</td>
<td>Very confusing to following and focus on.</td>
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