Manifest Destiny

manifest: clear or obvious
destiny: future or fate

EQ: Describe the idea of Manifest Destiny and how the US begins the quest to achieve it.
How does this image demonstrate the title “American Progress”?

I See...
I Think...
I Wonder...
Map of the United States, 1872
Contemporary Map of the 1816 United States
John Melish, Map of the U.S. with the contiguous British and Spanish Possessions, 1816
Melish’s comments on his 1816 map of the United States

To present the country this way was desirable . . .
The map shows at a glance the whole extent of the
United States territory from sea to sea.

In tracing the probable expansion of the human
race from east to west, the mind finds an agreeable
resting place on its western limits. The view is
complete and leaves nothing to be wished for. It
also adds to the beauty and symmetry of the map.

Source: John Melish. Map of the United States with the contiguous British