Unit 1: The Old West- The Quintessential American Myth

Content Area: **Social Studies**
Course(s): **Rogues and Reformers**
Time Period: **September**
Length: **10 blocks**
Status: **Published**

Enduring Understandings

Westward Expansion affected families and individuals in all cultures and communities.

Life in America's Old West has been glorified by romanticizing criminals and their lifestyles.

Essential Questions

In what ways did the early American policies in the western territories lead way to an ungoverned society?

Did the political, social and economic conditions lead to an ungoverned Old West?

Content

Cow Town, Teamster, Regulators, Dime Novels, Marshall, Boomtown, Border State, Pinkerton Detective Agency

Skills

Evaluate why individuals moved from the established, urban east coast to the wild expanse of the western U.S.

Assess the Homestead Act and how it impacted western settlement.

Trace the cattle industry to the birth of the cowboy.

Analyze how film and media transform historical myths to reality

Important People

Billy the Kid, Pat Garret, Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, Bat Masterson, Jesse James, Frank James, Allen Pinkerton, John Newman Edwards, Robert Ford

Resources

Wyatt Earp

Tombstone

The Assasination of Jesse James

Google Slides

Google Docs

Chromebooks

Selected Articles

Primary & Secondary Sources

Graphic Organizers

Standards

SOC.6.1.12	U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.
SOC.6.1.12.A.5.a	Assess the impact of governmental efforts to regulate industrial and financial systems in order to provide economic stability.
SOC.6.1.12.B.5.a	Explain how the Homestead Act, the availability of land and natural resources, and the development of transcontinental railroads and waterways promoted the growth of a nationwide economy and the movement of populations.
SOC.6.1.12.B.5.b	Assess the impact of rapid urbanization on the environment and on the quality of life in cities.
SOC.6.1.12.C.5.a	Analyze the economic practices of corporations and monopolies regarding the production and marketing of goods, and determine the positive or negative impact of these practices on individuals and the nation and the need for government regulations.
SOC.6.1.12.C.5.b	Compare and contrast economic development of the North, South, and West in the post-Civil War period.