

# Unit 2: Westward Expansion

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## State Mandated Topics Addressed in this Unit

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Amistad Law: N.J.S.A. 18A 52:16A-88	Every board of education shall incorporate the information regarding the history and contributions of African Americans to our country in an appropriate place in the curriculum of elementary and secondary school students. This law was updated via N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.43 to include: Every board of education shall include, in the curriculum of all elementary and secondary school students, instruction that infuses into all courses on the United States, the centuries of accomplishments by African Americans in the building and development of America including, but not limited to, the areas of industry, military, government, and the professions; local communities; math, science, medicine, and space; architecture and the arts; social institutions and culture; and other aspects of life in America.
History and Contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders P.L.2021, c.416	A Board of Education shall include instruction on the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in an appropriate place in the curriculum of students in grades Kindergarten through 12 as part of the school district's implementation of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Social Studies.

## Westward Expansion

## Learning Objectives

- Analyze the effectiveness of governmental policies and of actions by groups and individuals to address discrimination against new immigrants, Native Americans, and African Americans.
- Determine how expansion created opportunities for some and hardships for others by considering

multiple perspectives.

- 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.

## Essential Skills

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- Demographic shifts and migration patterns both influence and are impacted by social, economic, and political systems.
- Evaluate how events led to the creation of labor and agricultural organizations and determine the impact of those organizations on workers' rights, the economy, and politics across time periods.
- Social and political systems throughout time have promoted and denied civic virtues and democratic principles

## Standards

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SOC.6.1.12.CivicsDP.5.a	Analyze the effectiveness of governmental policies and of actions by groups and individuals to address discrimination against new immigrants, Native Americans, and African Americans.
SOC.6.1.12.GeoPP.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.HistoryCC.5.a	Evaluate how events led to the creation of labor and agricultural organizations and determine the impact of those organizations on workers' rights, the economy, and politics across time periods.

## Instructional Tasks/Activities

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- Analyze whether or not the land was really free by exploring costs vs. benefits
- Complete a Homestead interview primary source activity
- Discuss the importance of the Homestead Act
- Examine the role of Buffalo Soldiers and Native Americans on the American frontier and Review a Buffalo Soldier online museum.
- Examine the Role of Cowboys on the frontier and answer questions relating to their lifestyle
- Guided Reading / Outlining / Notes
- Impact of the Transcontinental RR
- Introduction of Project 1 – Create a Scene from History
- Investigate the importance of the Transcontinental Railroad and complete a Chinese railroad worker activity
- Review Game

## Assessment Procedure

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- Classroom Total Participation Technique
- Classwork
- DBQ
- Essay
- Exit Ticket/Entrance Ticket/Do Now
- Journal / Student Reflection
- Kahoot
- Other named in lesson
- Peer Review
- Performance
- Problem Correction
- Project
- Quiz
- Rubric
- Teacher Collected Data
- Test
- Worksheet

## **Recommended Technology Activities**

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- Appropriate Content Specific Online Resource
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- Copy/Paste Content Specific Link Here
- Copy/Paste Content Specific Link Here
- Copy/Paste Content Specific Link Here
- Gimkit
- Gimkit
- GoGuardian
- Google Classroom
- Google Docs
- Google Slides
- Google Slides
- Kahoot
- MagicSchool AI
- Other- Specified in Lesson
- Quiziz
- Screencastify

## **Accommodations & Modifications & Differentiation**

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Accommodations and Modifications should be used to meet individual needs. Their IEP and 504 plans should be used in addition to the following suggestions.

- Accommodations and Modifications used to meet individual needs
- In Class Support Teacher

## **Gifted and Talented**

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- Compare & Contrast
- Conferencing
- Debates
- Jigsaw
- Peer Partner Learning
- Problem Solving
- Structured Controversy
- Think, Pair, Share
- Tutorial Groups

## **Instruction/Materials**

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- alter format of materials (type/highlight, etc.)
- color code materials
- eliminate answers
- extended time
- extended time
- large print
- modified quiz
- modified test
- Modify Assignments as Needed
- Modify/Repeat/Model directions
- necessary assignments only
- Other (specify in plans)
- other- named in lesson
- provide assistance and cues for transitions
- provide daily assignment list
- read class materials orally
- reduce work load
- shorten assignments
- study guide/outline

- utilize multi-sensory modes to reinforce instruction

## **Environment**

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- alter physical room environment
- assign peer tutors/work buddies/note takers
- assign preferential seating
- individualized instruction/small group
- modify student schedule (Describe)
- other- please specify in plans
- provide desktop list/formula

## **Honors Modifications**

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Faster paced class where the focus is the development of college level study habits. Experience an increased number of quiz/test questions, which will be more in depth, stress independent preparation, and require more responsibility of the student. Unit assessments measure not only a student's recall of basic facts, but also their ability to think critically, analyze data, and use historical knowledge to help deepen their understanding of content. Students will use primary source documents to complete a document based question (DBQ).

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## **Resources**

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- Film Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee
- Internet research
- McGraw Hill online textbook
- Primary Source Documents
- Teacher Created notes and resources