

Western Movement Internet Project

For homework this week, we will be going on a virtual field trip to experience life during the western expansion of the United States in the late 1800's. **You will have until August 26th to complete the journey.** You need to answer the questions below each section on this sheet. Answer in complete sentences. You will also have 2 additional worksheets to complete (Sod House and Famous Black Cowboys). If you need more room, you may attach another sheet of paper.

Students: You need to get a parent or guardian to sit with you and complete the activities below. **If there is an issue (no computer access) completing these online activities, you MUST notify me by Wednesday, August 14th.** Students who cannot complete these activities at home will have to do them before class (7:00 – 7:30 a.m). I cannot let you complete them during class time because we will be doing other things. If you choose to go into different areas on these websites, make sure you are asking your parents' permission.

Follow the directions below to begin your journey and have fun. Remember to type in the exact web site address in order for it to come up. We have placed this in your Weebly so you can bring up the website quickly. **You can bring up the document and put the cursor on the website address, hit control (ctrl) and click the mouse at the same time, and it will bring up the site without having to type in the address.**

Westward Expansion and Cattle Trails

Experience what life would be like once you got to the location west and began to settle the land.

<http://www.loc.gov/search/?in=&q=SOD+HOUSES&new=true&st>

1. Read the article and then click on any picture to show settlers and their sod houses.
2. Which one was your favorite and your least favorite.

3. Complete the Life in a Sod House worksheet. Answer the questions and on the back of the sheet draw and label a sod house of your own. You may get some ideas from the website photos.

Now experience what it would be like if you were a CATTLE RANCHER and had to move your cattle across the country - The Transcontinental Railroad was not yet completed.

<http://www.harcourtschool.com/activity/cattledrive/cattledrive.html>

Click on each section (The Trails, One the Trail, and End of Trail) and read about life on a cattle drive. <https://mrsblackmoresclass.weebly.com/cattle-trails.html>

1. Click on the site – read Introduction
2. Click on Maps and look at all the maps of the Trails – Confusing aren't they?
3. Read Beginnings

How much were the Longhorns selling for in Texas?

How much were the same Longhorns selling for in Chicago?

Why were the Longhorns so cheap in Texas and so expensive in Chicago?

Why did Texas Ranchers want to get their cattle up North to Chicago?

Use the following website to identify four of the most famous African American cowboys of the west.

http://www.pbs.org/wnet/ranchhouse/1867_essay6.html

1. Click on “Read about the lives of famous black cowboys”.
2. Write a brief summary of their life. Make sure you mention
 - a. their name
 - b. where and when they were born
 - c. the reason they became famous
 - d. any interesting facts you learned about them

Experience what life would be if you were a MINER hoping to strike it rich in the west.

<http://explore.museumca.org/goldrush/fever05.html> **Just keep hitting the finger to move through the site.**

What were some things you learned that you did not know about mining.

Experience what life would be if you were a RAILROAD WORKER

1. You will be asked to join **either** the Union Pacific **or** the Central Pacific – Just hit next and **do not complete the activities** – just read for information.

http://cpr.org/Game/Interactive_Railroad_Project/indexy.htm

Which railroad did you join? What problems did you face along the way?

Watch the video of the Battle of Little Big Horn and the men that fought in that battle. Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You must put in the user name and password – **The same as your google account.**

<https://app.discoveryeducation.com/learn/videos/1B52F699-7272-4771-A15B-6DEA934C6C15>

Why did Custer lose this battle?

Why was the battle called “Custer’s Last Stand”?

How many soldiers were killed in this battle? _____

https://www.ducksters.com/history/native_americans/sitting_bull.php

Why was he named Sitting Bull?

Where did Sitting Bull lead his tribe to escape the U.S. army?

Why do you think Sitting Bull finally (after 4 years), surrendered to the U.S.?

https://www.ducksters.com/history/native_americans/crazy_horse.php

Crazy Horse was known as the Indian who killed General Custer, but what did his own tribe think of him?

Read about Chief Crazy Horse and the memorial of him in North Dakota.

http://www.harcourtschool.com/newsbreak/crazy_horse.html

Why do you think the Native Americans think of Crazy Horse as a hero?

Do you think this sculpture will ever be finished? Why or why not?

I hope you had fun and learned a lot about how much courage it took for the people to establish this country for us and how difficult it must have been for them. We should be grateful to them all.