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Westward Expansion Vocabulary

pathfinder	one who finds or makes a path or way, usu. through unexplored areas.
nationalism	the collective spirit and aspirations of a nation.
annex	to add or attach, esp. to something larger.
suffrage	the right to vote in a political election or the exercise of this right.
locomotive	a self-propelled engine, esp. one that pulls or pushes railroad cars.
secede	to quit an organization, a political or religious unit or alliance, or the like.
doctrine	something that is advocated or taught; teaching.
sectionalism	an intense, sometimes excessive, regard for local interests or concerns.
abolitionism	a policy or principle of slavery in the United States.
opportunity	a chance for an improved situation.
scarce	in short supply; insufficient.
pioneer	someone who explores or goes to live in a place previously unexplored or uninhabited by many of his or her culture.

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Westward Expansion Cryptogram

Directions: Unscramble the words by placing the correct letter in the shaded boxes. Use the numbered boxes to complete the answer to the riddle.

RIDDLE:

What was the average total cost for settlers to travel the length of the Oregon Trail?

AISTLTIINOOB

10 7 13

IOREENP

2

ASCRCE

9 4

OTOOCLIVEM

11 3

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DECESE

ANSWER:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 4 8 8 10 11 11 12 9 13

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Westward Expansion Group Creative Writing

Directions: As a group, you have 25 minutes to write a brief story using the words/phrases below.

pioneer	annex	secede	sectionalism
pathfinder	doctrine	abolitionist	scarce
impressment	locomotive	suffrage	opportunity
nationalism	manifest destiny		

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Westward Expansion Word Search Worksheet

Directions: All words are positioned left to right.

M O V Y Y F P G I B P I O N E E R V F U I O T
 V V P O K Y R C F G N Z E H D S C A R C E T H
 R N L B L J Z D D I U P T I T X R H E P O N C
 X H E X M W O P U Q R S E C E D E R Z K W Z M
 C M G M T Q R N O P P O R T U N I T Y Y C V K
 P F O C D I M P R E S S M E N T L Y W W G C V
 W G Y V G U H N Y N A T I O N A L I S M D F W
 H V R M D L M V L I N A L H K V H U N Y P O L
 W G D G J T K N Q C A N N E X B U Z V S H A N
 Y Q M W P A T H F I N D E R U R O L L T M A G
 Y V K A B O L I T I O N I S T I W S L Q X V L
 Q K P L O C O M O T I V E H F H B F W E Y I L
 S E C T I O N A L I S M S D G H I Q N I X R E
 U V J L A Q O U D O C T R I N E M G Y H A Y O
 P E J U M X S Z E S S T H D S C I N U K C O C
 A M G V Q R M H A O M G K Y V U S P U Z U V A
 S U F F R A G E M U B G B N S Y I O U L T M X
 I M X G O U U R G I J B C R Z V O T I Q N M Q

PATHFINDER	NATIONALISM	SECEDE	SUFFRAGE
DOCTRINE	ANNEX	SECTIONALISM	
SCARCE	LOCOMOTIVE	ABOLITIONIST	
IMPRESSMENT	PIONEER	OPPORTUNITY	

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Westward Expansion Timeline

Do the Research!

Directions: List at least one major event that happened during the indicated time period

Westward Expansion Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions below.

Traditionally, when one thinks of the expansion of the American West, the event most likely to come to mind is the California Gold Rush of 1849. While that profitable discovery did boost California's population by 80,000 eager prospectors, there remained an awful lot of land between the Pacific Coast and, say, St. Louis, Missouri. "Why mention St. Louis?" you might be asking. Because in actuality the young United States started exploring the vast land mass to the west from that very point and almost fifty years before those gold nuggets started hitting the pan in California.

1. What single event sparked the Westward Movement? Why?

2. Where was gold mining the most popular?

3. Before the Westward Expansion, where was most of the gold coming from within the U.S.?

4. Compare and Contrast the California Gold Rush with the new Internet economy.

Westward Expansion Vocabulary Quiz

Directions: Match the vocabulary words on the left with the definitions on the right.

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Westward Expansion Acrostic Poem

An acrostic poem is one where you choose a word or name and use each letter in the name as the beginning of a word or line that tells something about that person or topic.

Example: An acrostic poem using the word "friend."

Frank, from my class,

Really helped me when I got hurt. He ran to the nurse and got

Ice for my leg.

Even when I lost

Nelly, my pet frog, his mom

Drove us all around looking for her.

Write an Acrostic Poem using the words below.

W	E
E	X
S	P
T	A
W	N
A	S
R	I
D	O
	N

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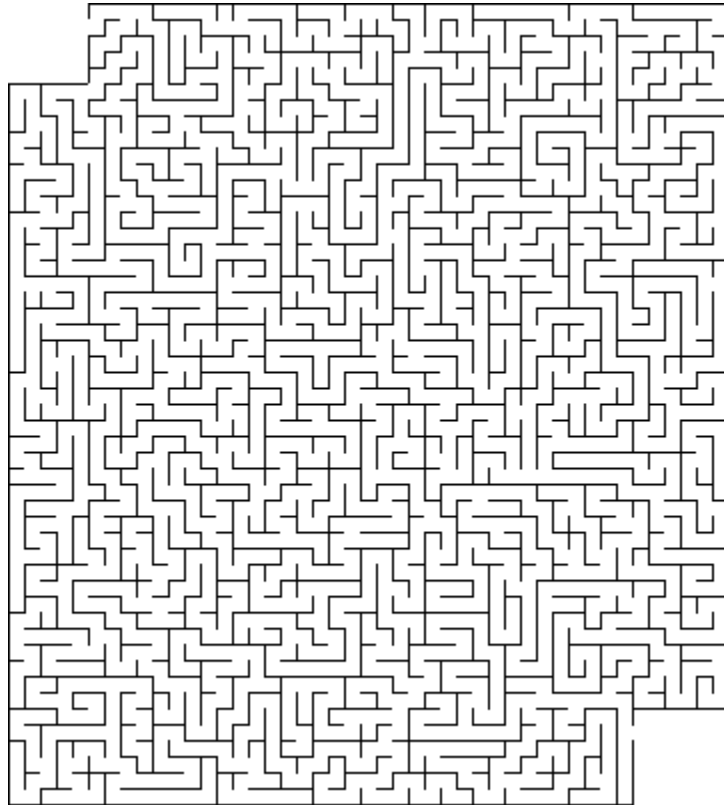
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Westward Expansion Maze Worksheet

You struck gold! Now, all you have to do is find the mine again!



Start



Finish



Are
we
there
yet?



Are
we
there
yet?



Are
we
there
yet?



Are
we
there
yet?

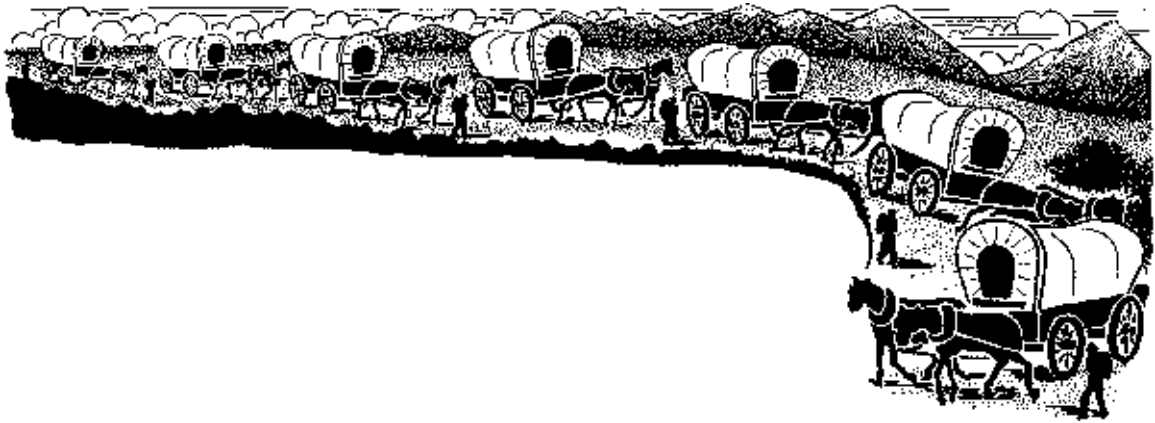
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Answers to Cryptogram

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Riddle: Five Hundred Dollars