

History Alive!

Mondays, 1one

8 week course Gr. 4-8

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This workshop will have students delve deep into US Westward Expansion through primary source research, various writing/musical/art projects, and incorporating Geography and an authentic sense of uncertainty through a simulation of historical figures and events.

Students will be expected to use chromebooks to:

Explore North & South America with Google Earth,

Conduct & cite primary research

Use flipgrid for video

Prepare slideshows for Presentation Day

Submit projects

Students will need to read an appropriate book of historical fiction or nonfiction based in the mid to late 1800's.

Class 1: Choose Character, Research, write and video introduction

Genre Focus: Biography & Autobiography

Google Earth activity

Class 2: Research travel options, write and video explanation

Genre Focus:

Google Earth activity

Class 3: Research Travel experiences & hazards- Write and video journal/newspaper

Genre Focus: Persuasive writing

Music Activity: Ballad/folk tales

Class 4: Research and compare events of a successful vs unsuccessful pioneer/gold miner

Write and Video Ballad or folk tale

Genre Focus: Ballad/folk tales

Google Earth Activity

Class 5: Research and compare working independently vs having partners

Write and Video journal update explain choices

Genre Focus: compare/ contrast

Art Activity

Class 6: Research Clothing/Food and choose for Presentation Day

Write & Video a friendly letter

Genre Focus: Friendly Letter

Class 7: Complete Individual Class Projects

Genre: Research Citations (MLA)

Class 8: Presentation/Feast Day