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Eleventh Grade U. S. History

Research Pathfinder – Westward Expansion

## When doing a research project certain questions must be answered before you start.

## Is the report to be an overview of a topic or serve a specific purpose?

## Most research done at the High School or higher level is either specific information or a persuasive paper. Start big and narrow the question. The result should show that you recognize the need for accurate, relevant information. Respect the ideas and rights of others by citing where you find the information you are sharing. Please, no plagiarism.

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## [**Basic Reference Sources**:](#_Basic_Reference_Sources:)  [**Starting points for topic**](#_Basic_Reference_Sources:_1)**:** [Subject Sources](#subjectsources):

What is the topic? – What about it? – What type of audience are you addressing? It matters whether its little kids, college students, adults, congressmen or just your best friends. (Note: click on labels to navigate)

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[**Starting points for topic**](#_Basic_Reference_Sources:_1)**:** Read Chapter 4: Settling the West - Classroom Textbook

Appleby, J., Brinkley, A., Broussard, A., McPherson, J., & Richie, D. (2008). *The American* . *Vision: modern times.* Chicago: McGraw-Hill

At this point you may want to begin consulting some basic reference sources to define your topic. Remember to look for different ways to identify the topic; locate different terms that are used in the reading passages.

## **Basic Reference Sources**:

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## Handbook: *Reference Handbook of Grammar and Usage* 808 Ref

## Retrospective Biography: *Webster’s American Biographies* 920 Van

## Biography: *Mcgraw-Hill Encyclopedia of World Biography* 920 McG

The next step is to determine the point of view and find information.

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* Billington, R.A. and Ridge, M. (1974). *Westward expansion; a history of the American frontier*. New York: Macmillan 973 Bil

This is a revision of Billigton’s original work on the Euro-American expansion west of the Mississippi River

* Hayhurst, C. *John Sutter: California pioneer.* (2004). New York: Rosen Publishing

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Spotlight of the life of John Sutter who owned the land where GOLD was discovered that started the gold rush and spurred westward expansion

* Silverberg, R. *To the western shore: growth of the United States, 1776-1853.* (1971). New York: Doubleday 973 Sil

 This traces the history from the beginning of the United States through its westward expansion. Remember to limit your topic.

* Tunis, E. *The young United States, 1783-1830: a time of change and growth; a time of learning democracy; a time of learning new ways of living, thinking, and doing* (1969). New York, World Pub. Co. 973.4 Tun

Great illustrations with a focus on material culture

* Wills, C. (2007). *America’s presidents: facts, photos, and memorabilia from the nation’s chief executives.* Nashville, TN : Rutledge Hill Press. 973.09 Wil

Who was president during the westward movement?

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**[Online databases:](#subjectsources)** 

* TEL Tennessee Electronic Library <http://tntel.tnsos.org/>

World Book <http://www.worldbookonline.com/wb/products?ed=all&gr=Welcome+Tennessee+Electronic+Library>!

* Gale databases <http://find.galegroup.com/menu/commonmenu.do?userGroupName=tel_s_tsla>

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[**Journals**](#subjectsources)**:**

* Douglas, W O (April 2009). “The manifest destiny of America”.  *The Progressive*, 73, 4. p.62(1). Retrieved July 07, 2011, from General OneFile via Gale:
http://find.galegroup.com/gps/start.do?prodId=IPS&userGroupName=tel\_s\_tsla
* Feldman, R. T. (May-June 2010). “Manifest destiny”.  *Cobblestone*, 31, 5. p.19(1).

Retrieved July 07, 2011, from General OneFile via Gale:
http://find.galegroup.com/gps/start.do?prodId=IPS&userGroupName=tel\_s\_tsla

Other Journals and magazines may be found using the Gale database such as: *American History, Wild West, American Education History Journal, Oregon Historical Quarterly.*

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[**Media Resources**](#subjectsources)**:**

* + An old P.E.E.L. on Manifest Destiny. <http://www1.teachertube.com/viewVideo.php?title=Manifest_Destiny&video_id=5885>
* America: the story of us. The History Channel. (2010) DVD disc 1

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[**Web sites**](#subjectsources):

## [Westward Expansion](http://www.sonofthesouth.net/texas/westward-expansion.htm)

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| You Found It! A detailed account of the Westward Expansion and Territorial Acquisition of the United States, with Pictures and Maps.www.sonofthesouth.net/texas/**westward**-e**xpansion**.htm |

## [Westward Expansion **History Resources**](http://www.snowcrest.net/jmike/westexp.html)

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| U.S. Westward Expansion history research resource links for high school and college students.[www.snowcrest.net/jmike/westexp.html](http://www.snowcrest.net/jmike/westexp.html) [Back to subject source](#subjectsources)[Back to top](#_Basic_Reference_Sources:_1)

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| * [**Africans in America/Part 4/Narrative:**Westward Expansion](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part4/4narr4.html)

But the frontier also carried with it the expansion of slavery. The westward expansion of slavery was one of the most dynamic economic and social processes **...**www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part4/4narr4.html  |

* Manifest Destiny –

The History Channel explores the topics of the expansion of the United States<http://www.history.com/search?search-field=Manifest+Destiny> |

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**People and Groups**

* [**Thomas Jefferson**](http://www.history.com/topics/thomas-jefferson)
* [**Meriwether Lewis**](http://www.history.com/topics/meriwether-lewis)
* [**William Clark**](http://www.history.com/topics/william-clark)
* [**Daniel Boone**](http://www.history.com/topics/daniel-boone)
* [**Davy Crockett**](http://www.history.com/topics/davy-crockett)
* [**Jedediah Smith**](http://www.history.com/topics/jedediah-smith)
* [**Donner Party**](http://www.history.com/topics/donner-party)
* [**Andrew Jackson**](http://www.history.com/topics/andrew-jackson)

**Events**

* [**Louisiana Purchase**](http://www.history.com/topics/louisiana-purchase)
* [**Trail of Tears**](http://www.history.com/topics/trail-of-tears)
* [**War of 1812**](http://www.history.com/topics/war-of-1812)
* [**Mexican-American War**](http://www.history.com/topics/mexican-american-war)
* [**The Alamo**](http://www.history.com/topics/alamo)
* [**Proclamation of 1763**](http://www.history.com/topics/1763-proclamation-of)
* [**Exploration of North America**](http://www.history.com/topics/exploration-of-north-america)