

# WESTWARD EXPANSION

## Project

**GOAL:** After studying the following groups in class, the goal is to write and create a video project on an assigned group of American settlers who moved West in the 1800s.

(Mountain Men, Californios, Missionaries, Mormons, Forty-Niners, Pioneer Women)

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Written script (at least 4-5 minutes)
  - DUE ON FRIDAY, MAY 12<sup>th</sup>!!
- Blooper Reel: optional, but no more than one minute!
- Storylines **must** include:
  - *Reasons* the settlers moved West
  - *Hardships* they faced along the way
  - *Legacies* the settlers left behind for future generations
- Everyone in your group **MUST** talk and act
- Costumes, props, music, art, signs, editing, credits, etc. is required!!
  - **ALL** must be school-appropriate
  - No Purchase Necessary
  - Be Creative! ☺
- All school rules still apply!! (Even if filmed off-campus)
- No weapons! No fake weapons! Be creative. ☺
- No profanity! No crude or inappropriate humor! No dangerous or illegal activity!
- The AUSD "Responsible Use Agreement" is in effect!
- Use **iMovie** or **Windows Movie Maker** to edit your videos. Make sure your video can be uploaded to Google Drive if you use a different editing software program!
- **NOTES:**
- **RECORD YOUR VIDEO HORIZONTALLY** (lengthwise, landscape, etc.)
- **Be loud** so your voices are picked up on the recording device!
- Share your final video on Google Drive with Ms. Ferrell, Ms. Morse, or Mr. Talbert

## POSSIBLE SUGGESTIONS.....

- Time Travel
- News Report
- Rap
- Commercial
- Musical
- Interview
- Cheer
- Spy Story

- Classroom Setting
- Video Game / Computer Game
- Discovery of Preamble
- Debate
- Re-enactment of trip out West
- Art Museum
- Timeline (w/ explanation or acting)
- Story (present to past)

➤ **OR.....** COME UP WITH YOUR OWN IDEA!!!!!! 😊

## NOTES:

- You will have **FOUR** days in class to brainstorm and write a script (Tuesday, 4/25; Wednesday, 4/26; Thursday, 4/27; Friday, 4/28).
- You will then have **TWO** days to practice your skit, record your skit, and edit your skit during the long SBAC periods.
- You will also have the week of May 8<sup>th</sup> - May 11<sup>th</sup> to work on the project **OUTSIDE** of school hours.
- Memorization is not required, but highly recommended!
- Props, Costumes, Music, Editing, etc. are required!  
**Be creative! (no purchase necessary!)**
- Written script will be due on **FRIDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>**!
- Final videos will be **DUE** to Ms. Ferrell, Ms. Morse, & Mr. Talbert by **FRIDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>**!
- Videos will be shown in class on **MONDAY, MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**
- It is highly recommended that you work on this project outside of class!!!