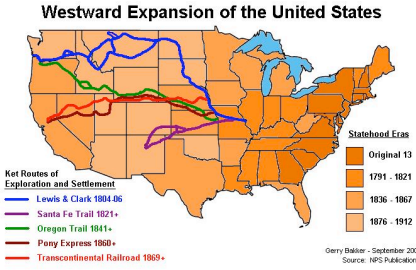


Into The West

Grade 10 or 11 American History

<p>Objective</p>	<p>The purpose of this lesson is to inform students of the westward expansion of the United States. This information includes an overview of Manifest Destiny, the trails, and the major events that led up to the United States future.</p>
<p>Materials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internet Access - Projector - Text Book - Poster Board - Markers/Crayons/etc.
<p>Prerequisite</p>	<p>The student must have previous knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to use SlideServe - Manifest Destiny
<p>Procedure</p>  <p>The map, titled "Westward Expansion of the United States", shows the continental United States with various colored lines representing key routes of exploration and settlement. A legend on the left lists: Lewis & Clark 1804-06 (blue), Santa Fe Trail 1821+ (purple), Oregon Trail 1841+ (green), Pony Express 1860+ (red), and Transcontinental Railroad 1869+ (orange). A legend on the right shows statehood eras: Original 13 (lightest orange), 1791-1821 (light orange), 1836-1867 (medium orange), and 1876-1912 (darkest orange). Source: Gerry Baker - September 2001, NPS Publications.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Through the projector in class, play for your students the SlideServe presentation "To the West". 2. After viewing and discussing this power point, have the students get into groups of 2 or 3. 3. When the groups are formed, have the students pick a certain aspect or event in the westward expansion of the United States. 4. Have the students use their books and their knowledge from the SlideServe presentation to create a poster about their part. 5. The students will need to collaborate with the other groups as they will have to put their posters in order as each group stands before the class. 6. The groups will take turns presenting their parts.
<p>Evaluation</p>	<p>After this activity the students should be able to convey information about the westward expansion in chronological order.</p>
<p>Sources</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. http://www.slideserve.com/presentation/5794 2. http://www.americanwest.com/pages/wexpansi.htm 3. http://www.neiu.edu/~ejhowens/377/examples/westward.jpg 4. http://www.ushistorysite.com/expansion.php