Westward Expansion Project

**The project will be worth 50 points**.

**Presentation: 24 points:** You will present your project to the class giving a brief summary of what you created and the premise (reasoning) behind it.

Westward Expansion Project Topics

1). Create a **tri-fold poster board presentation** in which you provide an in-depth look at the lives of for **BOTH a pioneer** and **a pony express rider**.

Your poster board presentation should include pictures for visualization and good descriptive bullet points of facts arranged in a professional manner. Your presentation should include a detailed description of a typical pioneer and a pony express rider's looks. It should discuss what most pioneers and pony express riders typically travelled with in. Be sure to include anything you find to be unique or interesting regarding the lives of the pioneers and the pony express riders for both sides as well.

2). Create **an A-Z Alphabet Book** pertaining to the Westward Expansion and everything we’ve learned in the class this marking period.

Your alphabet book should include/explain some of the terms, people, events, places, and concepts associated with this dramatic era of history. You are to use meaningful words or phrases taken from the materials used in class, assigned readings, class discussions, and your own research. For each letter of the alphabet, you will need one entry. Each must be on a separate sheet of paper and utilize the front side only. Use plain white or colored paper (NO LINED NOTEBOOK PAPER). Each entry should include **the word associated with the letter as well as 1-2 paragraphs of researched information**. You will then present your alphabet book to the rest of the class.

3). Create **a historical cereal box**.

You are to use an empty cereal box as your base. Cover the brand of cereal with either white or colored paper. Decorate it with paste-ups. Make it colorful (no pencil written only cereal boxes). You’re cereal box should reference either a **famous individual** or **an event from the Westward Expansion**. The requirements for the historical cereal box project are a cereal name, cereal character, cereal slogan, cereal manufacturer and symbol, ingredients, nutritional value, and additional features (games – mazes, puzzles, word search, coupons, etc…). You will present your cereal box to the class and explain why you choose what you did to put on your cereal box and how it relates to the Westward Expansion.

4). **PowerPoint**

You will create a photo story about a topic related to Westward Expansion using PowerPoint. The photo story must incorporate factual/historical information from your research to support images/photos/sketches that you choose to include in your project.

\* include photos/images/drawings with the captions

\* The photo story must have a title and introduction with the topic stated in an interesting/creative manner with your name as a creator

\* The photo story must contain a **minimum of 12 - 15 historical facts** about your topic

\* The final product must be of a highest quality, in final copy form, no errors in grammar and mechanics