

Westward Expansion Project Choice Board Rubric

	Pioneer Perfection 8-10 points	Smooth Settler 4-7 points	Trouble on the Trail 0-3 points
Project Elements	Project contains all elements required in the description. All are executed and completed with above-standard excellence in effort.	Project contains all elements required in the description, though parts may be unclear. Elements are executed and completed with at-standard effort.	Project is missing many elements required in the description. Elements are executed and completed with below standard effort.
Historical Accuracy	Project thoughtfully uses appropriate vocabulary to demonstrate many accurate historical facts showing the impact of westward expansion on the United States.	Project uses appropriate vocabulary to demonstrate some accurate historical facts showing the impact of westward expansion on the United States.	Project rarely uses appropriate vocabulary and demonstrates few accurate historical facts showing the impact of westward expansion on the United States.
Geographical Accuracy	Project demonstrates a full analysis and understanding of how the United States grew as a result of Westward Expansion and reasons for emigrating west.	Project demonstrates an analysis and understanding of how the United States grew as a result of Westward Expansion though parts may be unclear.	Project demonstrates a limited analysis and understanding of how the United States grew as a result of Westward Expansion.
Conventions	Appropriate capital letters, usage, punctuation, and spelling are used throughout entire project.	Appropriate capital letters, usage, punctuation, and spelling are used through some of the project.	Appropriate capital letters, usage, punctuation, and spelling are used through little of the project.
Overall Neatness and Effort	Tremendous effort was taken with organization, artistic effort, and neatness.	Obvious effort was taken with organization, artistic effort, and neatness.	Minimal effort was taken with organization, artistic effort, and neatness.

