



# What does the *ESSAY* portion ask you to do?

- Respond with a historically defensible thesis or claim. *S – STRONG ADJECTIVE*
- Describe a broader historical context. *E - BIG IDEA {Emotion(s) of the time & Historical}*
- Support argument using ALL document. *X – Examples... & This allows us to see...*
- Use 1 additional piece of evidence not mentioned in the sources. – *X - Historical Era ? Fact Sheet*
- Find 3 documents that supports either Change or Continuity theme. *I – Major Theme*
- Address an Opposing argument or Clarify a supporting argument. - *I or X – Some people... or However, .... (you have a choice where you place it)*

Which best describes, Westward Expansion - 1812-1846?

Transportation and communication revolution;  
growth of western cities; access to new land; removal of Native Americans



WHAT FEELING(S) ARE GENERATED FROM THESE FACTS? Good or Bad?

**Analyze the transformation of America as a result of westward expansion.**

(Underline the focus question)

BIG IDEA? \_\_\_\_\_

- A. The destruction of Native peoples
- B. Reasons for Westward Expansion Movement after the civil war **1**
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- D. Impact of westward expansion on ideas of American femininity

**Source 1**

Many African Americans in the South realized that they were losing what few white political allies they had in their home states. The withdrawal of federal troops in the South, accompanied by a rise in Ku Klux Klan violence and the enactment of the Jim Crow laws, solidified the status of African Americans as second class citizens. In this atmosphere, some African Americans decided to abandon the South. Starting in the late 1870s, a movement of approximately 40,000 African Americans labeled the Exoduster Movement departed from states along the Western tier of the former Confederacy, crossing the Mississippi River to settle in Kansas. Smaller numbers settled in Oklahoma and Colorado. Some Exodusters made it only as far as Missouri. African American activists and white philanthropist established organizations, such as the Colored Relief Board and the Kansas Freedman's Aid Society, to help Exodusters make the journey to Kansas the most successful Exodusters settled in the growing towns of Kansas. **(Reading Level – 15/College)**

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**THINK GOOD OR BAD CHANGE because ...**

**AA want to improve their lives and they had to leave the south and go west.**

**THINK - GOOD OR BAD REALATIONHIP because ...**

**Many tried to make sure AA were able to get a fair start at transforming their lives.**

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Source 2

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[ Relationships ]

**THINK GOOD  
OR BAD  
CHANGE  
because...**

**THINK - GOOD  
OR BAD  
REALATIONHIP  
because  
\_\_\_\_\_...**

**Women were  
no longer  
looked at as  
timid &  
weak.**

**Men and  
women are  
considered  
equals in the  
West.**

Increased migration to the West often lead to violence on the frontier. White settlers increasingly clash with American Indians and Mexican Americans. During westward expansion, women played a variety of roles. The most common was the role of wife and mother. Many people who came West as pioneers did so in family groups. In those days, this meant that the women's main role was to care for the family. They cooked, cleaned and did those sorts of domestic things. However, women did have a greater role in these terms than they did in the more settled East. The reason being, they had to do more things on their own and more things that were economically important to their families. They often had to garden and care for animals. They protected the home when their husbands were away. [In other words, they were more independent and important than women were in the East.] This is one reason why it was western territories that first gave women the right to vote.

*(Reading Level – 7)*

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Source 3

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As railroads pushed westward, the herds of the American bison also known as the buffalo were wiped out. Railroad workers and passengers went on a killing spree, shooting Buffalo for food and mostly sport. Also, money made from for the hides of Buffalo didn't help. In a matter of decades, the Buffalo herds on the plains were virtually exterminated. [This greatly weakened the Plains Indians, who depended on the buffalo for resources and food.]  
*(Reading Level – 9)*

**THINK GOOD  
OR BAD  
CHANGE  
because ...**

**THINK - GOOD  
OR BAD  
REALATIONHIP  
because ...**

**People had a  
harmful  
impact on  
the  
environment.**

**Many settlers  
did not  
appreciate the  
Native  
American  
culture.**

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BIG IDEA? \_\_\_\_\_

- A. The destruction of Native peoples **3**
- B. Reasons for Westward Expansion Movement after the civil war **1**
- C. Key battles and treaties **4**
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Source 4

Politics/Rules

Change

Relationships ]

**THINK GOOD  
OR BAD  
CHANGE  
because ....**

**US gov't  
can't be  
trusted  
because they  
often break  
their word.**

Southern Plains Indians signed The Treaty of Medicine Lodge in 1867, agreeing to move to a reservation in exchange for government protection of their land from white encroachment. The movement of white settlers put additional pressures on land held by American Indians and caused the federal government to violate treaties it had made with the various tribes. The last battle of the Indian wars was a massacre at Wounded Knee. [US military forces attempted to disarm a group of Sioux Indians camped there, but soon open fire on them. More than 200 Sioux men, women, and children were killed.] (Reading Level – 11)

**THINK - GOOD  
OR BAD  
REALATIONHIP  
because...**

**US is willing to  
use its military  
to kill innocent  
people to get  
what it wants.**