

## Westward Expansion Project Choices

Younger: Choose THREE projects

Older: Choose FOUR projects

1. Younger: Create a model of something from the Lewis and Clark Expedition and be prepared to share everything you can about why the model is important.

Older: In addition, create a file folder display showing important facts, maps, people, timelines, etc. of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

2. Younger: Research one famous person from the Battle of the Alamo and create some sort of costume to present your findings in first person.

Older: In addition, write your research to be included in your history folder.

3. Younger: Trace a detailed map of the US at the time of Westward Expansion. Include as many trails, important places and events as possible.

Older: Draw a large map of the US at the time of the Westward Expansion. Include as many trails, important places and events as possible.

4. Younger: Design a postcard that you might have sent back east from your journey to the Oregon Territory.

Older: Create a brochure of one famous westward destination that you might have sent back east trying to get people to settle in your area.

5. Younger: Write (or narrate) a story about a cattle drive where you are the "cookie". Be sure to include some hair-raising experiences. Don't forget to include what happens once you reach your destination.

Older: Write a story from the perspective of someone from any of our Westward Expansion studies - pioneer travels, settling, Forty-niner, soldier at the Alamo, cowboy, marshal, etc.

6. Younger: Create a model of any home from our studies - Native American teepee, sod house, log cabin, boom town, jail, fort, Alamo, etc.

Older: Same as above.

7. Younger: Create a quilt square out of construction paper. Glue it to a sturdy background.

Older: Sew a quilt square. Research an authentic pioneer pattern.

8. Younger: Find a simple pioneer recipe to prepare for your family.  
Older: Find recipes and make an entire pioneer meal for your family.
9. Younger: Design a "Wanted" poster of Frank and Jesse James.  
Older: Same as above.
10. Younger: Design a Native American "picture story" using cardboard and colored sand.  
Older: Same as above.
11. Both: Work together to present a skit based on either a true event from Westward Expansion or historical fiction from the era. Be sure to include props and costumes.

