

Survival Manual

Due: 11/03

Points: 50

Background: The period between the American Civil War and the end of the nineteenth century in the United States was marked by tremendous expansion of industry and agriculture as well as the spread of settlement across the continent. The population of the United States more than doubled during this period. In its report on the 1890 census, the Bureau of the Census declared the frontier closed.

Objective: Students will gain an understanding of the movement out west and its contribution to the U.S. becoming a world power.

Task: Student will create a survival manual for pioneers going west. Students should advise for both physical and mental survival. Students will be given 2 sheets of white paper.

Each manual will include:

1. A title page
2. A page for scouts—those who went out ahead of everybody else, often into land never seen before.
3. A page for miners—those going out to mine for gold, iron, coal, oil, etc.
4. A page for cowboys—those looking to work on ranches as a farmhand, and go on the long drives
5. A page for farmers—those looking to work the land for themselves, growing anything from wheat to corn
6. A page for women—those going with their families to make a new life in the west, and to help with the labor
7. A page for children—often expected to help with the family work
8. Back cover will be a summary of the movement out west.

For each group, consider what they will need on the frontier to survive: tools, food, transportation, protection, animals, etc. Be sure to include an illustration on each page, and be sure it follows the artwork criteria.