



The World Wildlife-Heritage Museum

WESTWARD EXPANSION

Our Collection

Our Westward Expansion collection examines the people, technologies, industries, and communities that transformed the American West.



Through immersive replicas of mining towns, transportation systems, frontier businesses, and everyday life, visitors explore how the pursuit of opportunity reshaped landscapes, economies, and cultures across the continent. The collection provides a window into the experiences of settlers, miners, merchants, and families who helped build the communities of the growing West.

Explore...

- Mining technology and ore processing
- Challenges and opportunities on the frontier
- The evolution of stagecoach travel to railroad transportation
- Frontier towns and community life
- Differing perspectives on Westward Expansion, from settlers to Native Americans





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Topics and Themes

- Economic development and opportunity
- Innovation and technological change
- Risk, reward, and entrepreneurship
- Cultural encounters and exchange
- Cause and effect in history
- Environmental impact of technological advancements
- Individual choices and collective consequences

Help Us Support Your Learning Goals

Every classroom is different. Tell us about your lesson plans, instructional objectives, and areas of focus, and we will work with you to highlight the exhibits, themes, and activities that best support your students' learning.

Questions? Contact Our Education Coordinator:

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