

# **The American West: History, Myth & Legacy**

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**Class Date: Tuesday, 11AM- 12:45PM**

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The west in the colonial era

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Discoveries of Lewis & Clark

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Manifest destiny & the Mexican War

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Bleeding Kansas and the Civil War in the west

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Homesteaders on the plains

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John Wesley Powell & the desert southwest

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From territories to western states

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Protecting Yellowstone & Yosemite

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Winning the west?

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