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Assignment Description for Teaching American History Grant Exploring the Americas

Assignment: Exploring the Americas Book Review

Due Date: November 14, 2008 by 11:59 PST (Post in your grade level folder in Interact TAH Exploration Conference)

Description:

This assignment requires you use the form **The Exploration Book Review Template** (available under Shared Documents within the TAH Exploring the Americas conference and via the module blog). You will prepare a review of two content books — Mark Joy's *American Expansionism, 1783-1860* and Glenda Riley's *A Place to Grow: Women in the American West*, and two podcast episodes, "Women in the Mining Camps of California and Nevada," and "Trails to the West."

The purpose of the assignment is for you to learn historical content relating to American expansionism. Upon completion, you should feel confident in your ability to translate historical content of the era into language and "content chunks" suitable for teaching students in grades 3, 4, and 5.

You will complete your work with three other teachers. *American Expansionism, 1783-1860* by Mark S. Joy consists of six chapters, so each teacher will be responsible for reading the Preface, chapters 5 and 6, plus one assigned chapter within chapters 1 - 4. Additionally, all students will skim through *A Place to Grow: Women in the American West* by Glenda Riley and select a specific section to read the narrative portion (but not the associated documents). Referring to the table of contents may be of help. Group members should each read a different narrative section of the book. All teachers will listen to both podcast episodes.

Using the book review template, you will address the following with an approximately one-paragraph response for each item:

- 1 A summary of the Joy's main thesis or theses about expansion based on your assigned book section;
- 2 A personal reflection on your assigned book section;
- 3 A description of and justification for what you consider a key event Joy discusses and its significance;
- 4 A description of and justification for who you consider a key person Joy discusses and the significance of that individual to westward expansion;
- 5 The result(s) or impact(s) of expansion;
- 6 A description of the key points raised in the Riley section that you read;
- 7 A discussion of whether the podcast episodes agree or disagree with each other and with the Joy and Riley texts;
- 8 List items of interest from each chapter set (except your own); and,
- 9 Tell how each chapter reviewed by your quad members relates to your chapter.

Each of the above items will be weighted approximately equally in your grade for this assignment. We also expect a professional product with attention to proper syntax and use of sound arguments.

Be sure to include a discussion of the chapter sets read by others in your quad. **After a discussion** of assigned chapter sets with your quad members, share the items you found most interesting from their chapters and type this directly into your book review template. As you and your quad discuss the chapters and share your book sections, please use a technique that will not appear in the TAH Exploring the Americas conference folders.

Westward Expansion Book Review
Prepared by Insert your first and last name

Quad Members: Your Name, Quad Member 2, Quad Member 3, Quad Member 4

Check assigned chapter (Joy book): 1 2 3 4

Quad 12: List assigned pages Quad 12 ONLY list page numbers

Required Reading for All (Joy book): Preface and chapters 5 and 6

Selected Topic (Riley book): State the topic you reviewed in the Riley text

Summary of Joy's main thesis/theses about expansion based on my assigned chapter:

Paste your one-paragraph (or more) response here

Personal reflection on my assigned chapter:

Paste your one-paragraph (or more) response here

A key event Joy discusses in my assigned chapter: Event's Name

A description of the event (including an explanation of its significance) and justification for choosing this event:

Paste your one-paragraph (or more) response here

A key person Joy discusses in my assigned chapter: Person's Name

A description of the person (including their significance as it relates to westward expansion) and justification for choosing this individual:

Paste your one-paragraph (or more) response here

Result(s)/Impact(s) of expansion:

Paste your one-paragraph (or more) response here

Description of key points raised in the Riley selection I read:

Paste your one-paragraph (or more) response here

Describe the common themes and differences between the podcasts episodes and the texts:

Paste your one-paragraph (or more) response here

Most interesting items from other three chapters read by fellow quad participants:

Chapter Type chapter numbers: List items here

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Chapter Type chapter numbers: List items here

Relationship of other chapters to my assigned chapter:

Paste your response here