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Period _____

Westward Expansion Research Project

Research ONE of several important events during the time period of Westward Expansion, using textbook and online information. To share your research, you will display your information on a tri-fold board, which will be provided. Your display board must contain all of the required elements below, and must be a topic from the list of events below, unless approved by Ms. Timmons.

Required Elements

- Major events, people, and dates (6-8 sentences)
- Impact on Westward Expansion (6-8 sentences)
- Importance in United States history (6-8 sentences)
- At least 3 images or political cartoons related to your topic, with a one-sentence caption that explains each one
- Works Cited information: This must include your textbook and two reliable websites, written in MLA format.
- Topic title, your first and last name, period number

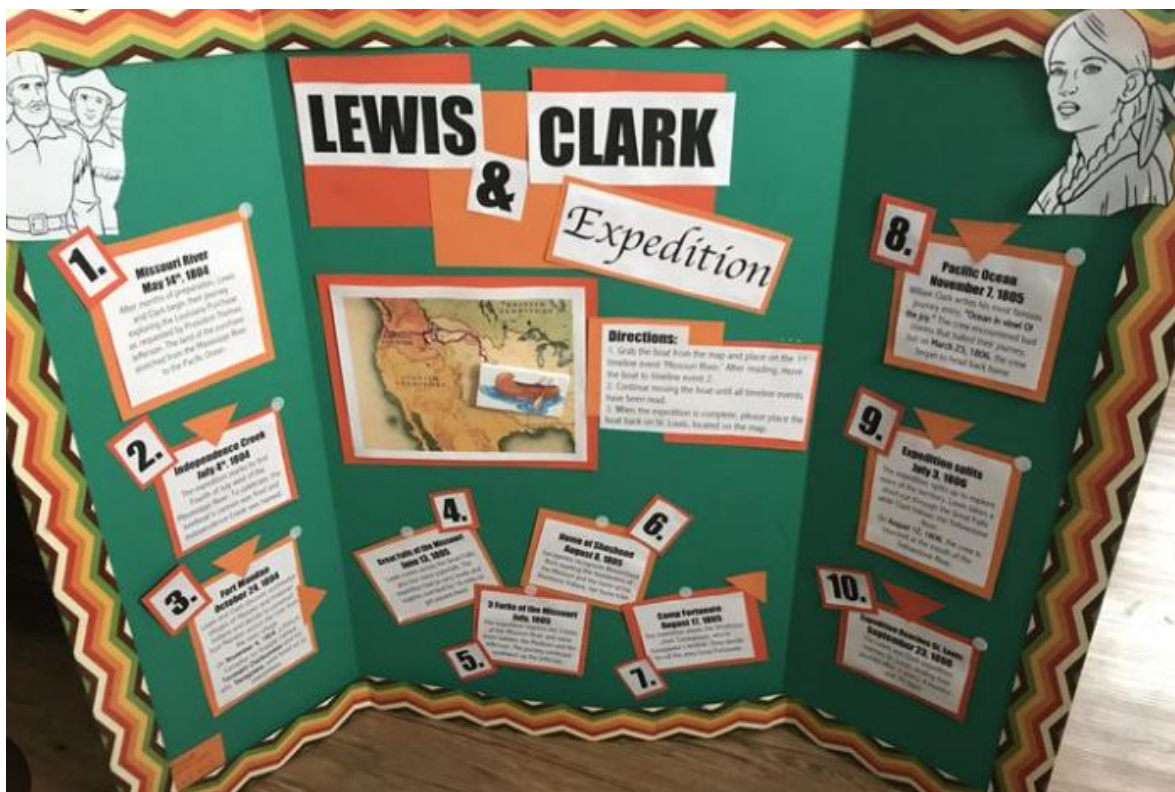
Choose ONE Event Below:

- Battle of Little Big Horn
- Louisiana Purchase
- Transcontinental Railroad
- Bleeding Kansas
- Indian Removal Act
- Homestead Act
- Chinese Immigrant Labor
- Irish Immigrant Labor
- Missouri Compromise
- Dred Scott Decision
- California Gold Rush of 1849
- Mexican-American War
- Kansas-Nebraska Act
- Wounded Knee Massacre
- Compromise of 1850
- Dawes Act

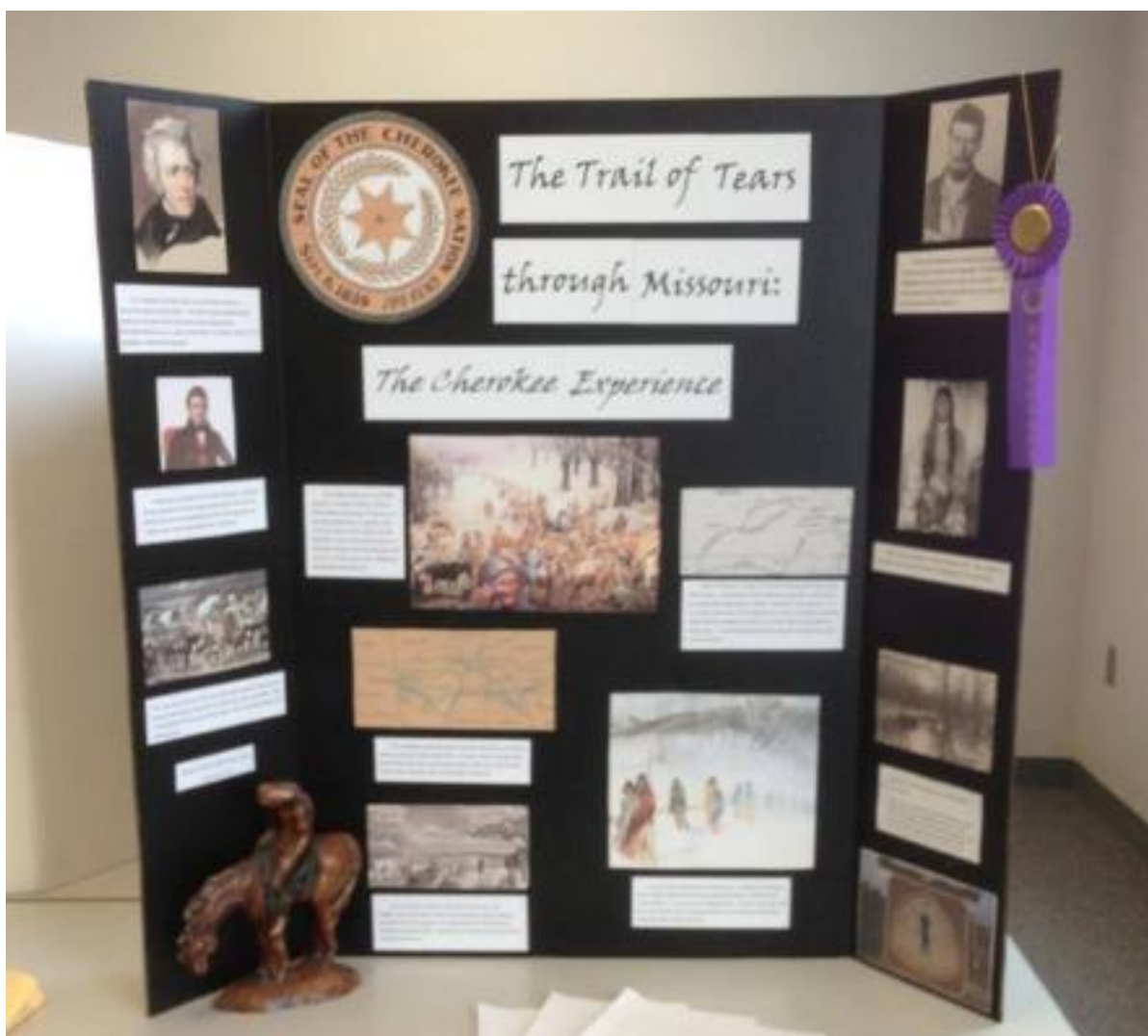
Other choice not listed (must be signed by Ms. Timmons):

Teacher Signature: _____

My Event Choice: _____



Sample Display Boards (does not represent this project's content)



CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Required Elements and Accuracy	The project includes all required elements and they are exceptionally accurate.	All required elements are included on the project, and only minor errors are present in accuracy.	Some of the required elements are included on the project, and there are many issues with accuracy.	Most required elements were missing, and the project lacks accuracy.
Quality of Persuasion	Provides specific and relevant details related to the project that are very persuasive.	Provides appropriate details related to the project that may contain errors and they are satisfactorily persuasive.	General or incomplete details related to the project that are somewhat persuasive.	Limited or irrelevant details related to the project that are not persuasive.
Development of Ideas	The project shows an exceptionally in-depth base of content and knowledge and includes thorough explanations.	The project displays a very in-depth base of content and knowledge.	The project displays only some in-depth content and knowledge, and the ideas are straight forward.	The project appears to have insufficient, in-depth content and knowledge, and contains limited ideas.
Understanding of Significance	Shows a strong understanding of the significance of the event.	Shows a clear understanding of the significance of the event.	Shows a limited understanding of the significance of the event.	Shows little to no understanding of the significance of the event.
Communication	Writing demonstrates both organized and creative communication skills.	Writing is clear, accurate, and effective with well-organized ideas.	Writing is satisfactory with only minor errors but does not interfere with the message.	Writing is unclear and difficult to distinguish the message.
Organization and Design	The project shows tremendous effort and shows exceptional design, layout, and neatness.	The project is mostly attractive in terms of design, layout, and neatness.	The project is acceptably attractive, though it may be a bit messy.	The project is distractingly messy or very poorly designed. It is not attractive.

Use the following chart to write research notes and record your sources.

What happened? Provide an overview of the major events, people, and dates.

How did the event impact Westward Expansion?

Why is the event historically significant to Westward Expansion and the United States?

Works Cited (must list textbook information as well as two reliable websites):