

Unit: Western Expansion
Lesson #10 Continuing Ventures into the NW

Essential Questions:

- What led Americans to travel and settle in the northwest?
- What role did the land have in their decision to venture into the northwest?

Sourcing--

Have a student on the overhead display the following:

- Circle who wrote the ordinance...
- Underline twice when the document was written
- Put a box around the area that gives a general purpose for why the document was written

Contextualization—

Look at the Lewis and Clark Map and compare with the Oregon Trail map. Based on what was previously learned in lesson 4 , 5 and 6 about findings in that area of the country--Discuss why settlers might take this route and decide to settle on the land.

Comprehension—

Based on her account, have each student draw a picture of how they think Harriet imagined what “the west” would look like and what life would be like out there...

If time, share with them some of the Albert Bierstadt paintings.

Corroboration--

Across the Plains in 1844,
Catherine Seger

Albert Bierstadt Paintings

The Oregon Treaty, 1846

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by Harriet Palmer**

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Directions: Based on Harriet's memory, draw why you believed settlers went out west and what they hoped their life would be like once they got there.

I wonder what life will be like out west...



Albert Bierstadt Paintings of “The West”

Sierra Nevada Region in California...

http://www.essentialart.com/mh/Albert_Bierstadt_The_Sierra_Nevada_in_California.jpg



Autumn in the West...

<http://www.sgallery.net/artnews/data/upimages/2006/12/Albert-Bierstadt.jpg>

