

Westward Expansion: Looking at the Past to Understand the Present
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EVALUATION RUBRIC

Explanation 5 pts.	Interpretation 5 pts	Perspective 5 pts	Performance Product 10 pts	Points / Section (25 total)
Sophisticated: a thorough and inventive solution demonstrating consideration of interrelationship of all factors: governmental, economic, geographic, and cultural.	Profound: a powerful analysis of the importance/ meaning / significance of events as they apply to the scenario solution; provides an historically accurate plan	Insightful: a novel approach; assesses & critically evaluates alternatives; documented in journal, organizer, & archived discussion/chat texts	Highly Effective: engaging, polished, clear, & presents material in an organized manner. The presentation is mindful of the audience, context, and purposes. Demonstrates considerable subject knowledge and fluently defends team decision-making during the question/answer period.	
Developed: reflects some in-depth & personalized ideas; goes beyond what is given but has shown the interrelationship of only 3 of 4 factors in the solution	Perceptive: a good analysis of the importance/ meaning / significance of events; provides an historically accurate plan	Considered: a reasonably critical & comprehensive look at alternative solutions; documentation is evident	Effective: the layout & design elements are presented in a clear & thorough manner, showing awareness of the audience, context, & purpose. Demonstrates a good grasp of the subject matter and adequately defends team decision-making during the question/answer period.	
Intuitive: an incomplete account but with apt and insightful ideas; synthesizes what is presented but only shows the interrelationship of 2 of 4 factors in the solution	Interpreted: a plausible analysis demonstrated in the solution; missing factors affected the solution plan	Aware: recognizes alternatives but is uncritical about tacit assumptions which a more thorough analysis would have evidenced. Documentation in journals, chats, etc. is sketchy	Somewhat Effective: some problems with clarity, thoroughness, & delivery; defense of decision-making illuminated problems stemming from not covering all the factors.	
Naïve: a superficial account; a more descriptive than analytically-based solution; plan details missing; plan approach based on one factor only	Literal: a mechanical translation; no sense of wider importance of significance of all factors	Uncritical: overlooks obvious alternatives; documentation shows little evidence of collaboration	Ineffective: unpolished, little evidence of planning, practice, or consideration of the purpose and audience, or is so unclear & confusing that the key points are difficult to determine. Poorly defended decision-making.	