ONLINE RESOURCES

FOR WESTWARD EXPANSION RESEARCH

**The Erie Canal**

1. National Geographic – Creating Canals (video):

[http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/national-geographic-channel/shows/thelink/](http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/national-geographic-channel/shows/thelink/ngc-creating-canals/)

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2. History.com – videos: Building the Erie Canal (2:39):

<http://www.history.com/videos/transcontinental-railroad#building-the-erie-canal>

**The Gold Rush**

1. PBS.org – map of the largest strikes:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/goldrush/map/index.html>

2. History.com – videos:

The Gold Rush (2:37): http://www.history.com/topics/american-history/videos#gold-rush

Carpenter’s Discovery Triggers Gold Rush (3:15):

<http://www.smarturl.it/History.com-GoldRush>

**The Homestead Act**

1. PBS.org – Frontier House video clips:

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/frontierhouse/>

**Lewis and Clark**

1.Discovering Lewis and Clark: <http://www.lewis-clark.org/>

2.National Geographic: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/lewisandclark/>

3. Kids Know It: Educational video with quiz:

<http://www.kidsknowit.com/interactive-educational-movies/free-onlinemovies.php?movie=lewis%20and%20clark>

4. National Geographic: Sacagawea:

<http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/0302/feature4/index.html>

5. History.com- videos:

<http://www.history.com/search?searchfield=Louisiana+Purchase&assettype=Videos>

6. Lewis and Clark Expedition (1:46): <http://www.history.com/videos/lewis--clarkexpedition-charts-new-territory#lewis--clark-expedition-charts-new-territory>

7. Lewis and Clark Campsite (2:57): <http://www.history.com/videos/lewis-and-clarkcampsite-at-pompeys-pillar#lewis-and-clark-campsite-at-pompeys-pillar>

**The Louisiana Purchase**

1. Louisiana Purchase Timeline, 1802–07 (from Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial):

<http://www.louisianapurchase2003.com/history/timeline/index.htm>

2. Library of Congress – Primary documents:

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/Louisiana.html>

3. Avalon Project at Yale Law Library – Primary documents:

<http://avalon.law.yale.edu/subject_menus/fr1803m.asp>

4. WatchKnowLearn.org: Louisiana Purchase in a Nutshell (1:11):

<http://www.watchknowlearn.org/Video.aspx?VideoID=25166&CategoryID=5420>

5. Hippocampus.org:

<http://www.hippocampus.org/History%20%26%20Government;jsessionid=1AF7DFF24EAB4497E0E5713BF652DCB9>

6. History.com – videos:

<http://www.history.com/search?searchfield=Louisiana+Purchase&assettype=Videos>

7. LA Purchase Doubles Size of America (1:24):

[http://www.history.com/videos/louisiana-purchase-doubles-size-ofamerica#](http://www.history.com/videos/louisiana-purchase-doubles-size-ofamerica" \l "louisiana-purchase-doubles-size-of-america)

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8. Jefferson Expands Presidential Power (3:36):

[http://www.history.com/videos/louisiana-purchase-doubles-size-ofamerica#](http://history.com/videos/louisiana-purchase-doubles-size-ofamerica" \l "jefferson-expands-executive-power)

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**The Oregon Trail**

1. WatchKnowLearn.org – videos: In the Wake of Lewis and Clark (5:39):

<http://www.watchknowlearn.org/Video.aspx?VideoID=10352&CategoryID=1889>

**The Pony Express**

1. National Geographic – map and photographs:

[http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/news/pony-power/kd/?ar\_](http://educatiopn.nationalgeographic.com/education/news/pony-power/kd/?ara=3&ar_r=3)

[a=3&ar\_r=3](http://educatiopn.nationalgeographic.com/education/news/pony-power/kd/?ara=3&ar_r=3)

**The Trail of Tears**

1. “We Shall Remain” (5:27) from PBS Learning Media:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part4/4h1567.html>

2. Trail of Tears

<http://www.history.com/topics/native-american-history/trail-of-tears>

**The Transcontinental Railroad**

1. PBS.org – photo gallery:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/photo-gallery/tcrr-gallery/>

2. History.com – videos:

The Transcontinental Railroad (3:27):

<http://www.history.com/topics/westward-expansion/videos#transcontinentalrailroad>

Evolution of Railroads (4:20):

[http://www.history.com/shows/modern-marvels/videos/modern-marvels-evolutionof-](http://www.history.com/shows/modern-marvels/videos/modern-marvels-evolutionof-railroads" \l "modern-marvels-evolution-of-railroads)

[railroads#modern-marvels-evolution-of-railroads](http://www.history.com/shows/modern-marvels/videos/modern-marvels-evolutionof-railroads" \l "modern-marvels-evolution-of-railroads)

**The US–Mexican War**

PBS.org:

1. Interactive timeline:

<http://www.pbs.org/kera/usmexicanwar/timeline_flash.html>

2. 24 short video clips:

<http://www.pbs.org/kera/usmexicanwar/resources/video_library.html>

3. America’s Story – Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo:

<http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/reform/jb_reform_guadalup_1.html>

4. Library of Congress – Photographs from the conflict with Mexico:

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/list/picamer/paMexican.html>

**History.com – videos:**

1. America: The Story of Us: The Alamo (2:37):

<http://www.history.com/shows/america-the-story-of-us/videos/the-alamo#the-alamo>

2. Alamo: Deconstructed:

<http://www.history.com/videos/alamo-deconstructed#alamo-deconstructed>

3. Rio Grande border dispute (3:15):

<http://www.smarturl.it/History.com-RioGrand>