

Professional Development

America Transformed: Teaching Westward Expansion Using Primary Sources

April 3 & April 10, 2019, 9 am - 3 pm + 3.5 online hours

The history of Westward Expansion is as vast as the lands of the Western United States. Teaching this history is complicated and challenging as we and our students contend with the role of the U.S. in the dispossession of land from and genocide of Native Peoples. Regional divisions over slavery in new states fueled conflict leading to the Civil War. One way to approach this history is to help students counter stereotypes with primary source evidence and analysis and to help them think critically about the interests of individuals, communities, the federal government, and corporations in the West. Try out hands-on strategies for teaching with maps, visuals, and documents from the Library of Congress and the Leventhal Map & Education Center; learn from noted Western U.S. scholar Heather Cox-Richardson; and create your own primary source set to help expand and enrich your teaching of Westward Expansion.

Audience: Grades 4-12 Teachers

Instructors:

Heather Cox Richardson, Professor of History, Boston College

Michelle LeBlanc, Director of Education, Leventhal Map & Education Center

Rich Cairn, Program Director, Emerging America, Library of Congress: Teaching with Primary Sources at Collaborative for Educational Services

Cost: \$25

PDP/Graduate Credit: 22.5 PDPs or 1 graduate credit optional (additional \$75 payable to Framingham State University)

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