

American Expansion into the Northwest – 1700s to 1880

Each week's content to include: Harry Fritz lecture, maps, tribal perspectives, people who change history, and research resources.

Unit 1: The Northwest before Europeans; people, land and resources (1770s-1790)

Week 1 - Regional approach to history; discussion of what regional history is, why it is important, and whose history it is.

Week 2 - Defining the region; Examination of transportation, communication and energy use/development in the pre-contact world, in the context of the fledgling United States.

Week 3 - Tribes of the region, of the developing United States and the application of its founding documents.

Unit 2: Coastal and inland exploration and the fur trade (1790-1830)

Week 4 - Coastal exploration, Grey's discovery, in the context of international trade and U.S. economics and politics.

Week 5 - Lewis & Clark, inland exploration

Week 6 - Early Fur Trade

Unit 3: Missionaries, early settlement and the Oregon Trail (1830s-50s)

Week 7 (March 6-10): Hudson's Bay Company, missionaries, early settlements

Week 8 (March 13-17): Oregon Trail, and Territorial Govt.

Week 9 (March 20-24): First treaties with Indian tribes

Unit 4: Railroad surveys, treaties, military roads, and mining (1850s-60s)

Week 10 - Railroad surveys

Week 11 - Indian treaties, road construction, steamboats,

Week 12 - Mining, Grazing and Tilling

Unit 5: Railroads, telegraph lines, settlement, and statehood (1870s-1880s)

Week 13 - Railroad Construction and Telegraph Lines

Week 14 - Political Developments leading to Statehood

Week 15 - Wrap up