Westward Expansion Projects

- Create a brochure about the Transcontinental Railroad. Use Microsoft Publisher to create the brochure. Make sure the brochure includes: pictures, facts, and a map. You will be graded on: accurate facts and photos, good use of space on brochure, neat & easy to read, correct grammar/spelling. Print final copy of brochure in color in the media center.

- Create a poster advertising the Homestead Act of 1862. Posters can be hand drawn or made using the computer. Be sure to include a picture(s) and facts telling settlers what they can purchase. Posters will be graded on: accurate facts/pictures, neatness, good use of space on poster, correct spelling/grammar. Print final copy of poster in color in media center.

- Create a Power Point about the Cattle Trails of the Old West. Make sure you include the Chisholm Trail and the Great Western Trail. Your Power Point should include at least 6 slides with both photos and facts about cattle drives. You’re your Power Point to a flash drive. You will be graded on the following: accurate facts & photos, map, 6 or more slides included, slides are neat/good use of space & easy to read, correct spelling/grammar, title page included with student names.

- Research the Battle at Little Bighorn between Lakota Indians and soldiers. Choose at least 3 people involved in the battle. Make sure you include George Custer and Crazy Horse. Write a script of what happened at the battle from each person’s point of view. Then use I-Pads to record each person’s point of view by reading script and replacing person’s lips with your own. You will be graded on: accurate facts/photos shared, facts told from correct point of view, speaking was clear, easy to understand & hear. You must know how to use an I-Pad.