

Year 11

Introduction to year 12 History

Get ready for September

Mrs Green

Exam Info –A level

Exam Board OCR

- A level course H505 (History A)

YEAR 12

- OCR Unit 2 Y216: Westward Expansion and Civil War 1803 – c.1890 **15%**



Year 12 History An Introduction to America: Westward Expansion 1803 - 1890

- **Mid 19th Century USA**
- **The problem of westward expansion 1803 – 54**
- **The rise of the Republican party**
- **The 1860 election, secession and civil war**
- **War on the home and foreign fronts**
- **The war 1861 – 1865**
- **The winning of the west 1865 – c1900**





Activity: Capture stills from the short film and add captions for them.

The screenshot shows a YouTube video player interface. The video title is "History of America - from Mammoths to Obama in 8" by Prasanna Patange. The video player shows a still of the American flag. The video has 113,657 views and 512 likes. The video was published on Jun 29, 2012. The video description is "This is America in a nutshell." The video player controls show the video is at 0:04 / 8:03. The recommended videos list includes "America's Immigration History" (153,910 views), "A History of The United States in 11 minutes" (26,906 views), "American History Textbooks' Lies: Everything Your Teacher Got Wrong - Myths, Education" (409,496 views), and "The New Atlantis - Secret Mysteries of".

Course outline

Westward expansion; causes and impacts

AS INTERPRETATION TOPIC

The factors which contributed to the opening up of the West e.g. exploration, fur trade, cattle, mining and farming, gold, trails, roads (e.g. Cumberland Road), steamboats, railways, telegraph, the Mormons, settlers (including push and pull factors), 'manifest destiny', opportunities, incentives and escape; the impact of the Federal Government on westward expansion e.g. Louisiana Purchase, Florida, Texas, Oregon, Gadsden Purchase, War with Mexico, admission of new states to the Union, Federal Government and communications, mail, Homestead Act, Morrill Act, conservation; the economic, social, political, cultural impact of westward expansion.

Course outline

Native Americans

Nature and diversity of Native American society in the early 19th Century; Tecumseh's Confederacy; First Seminole War and other 'wars'; Jackson and the Indian Removal Act; Bureau of Indian Affairs; treaties and the 'Indian Wars' of 1860s/70s; resources e.g. gold and actions of settlers, Dawes Act and Americanisation; reasons for destruction of Native American societies.

Course outline

**The growth of sectional tension
1850–1861**

AS INTERPRETATION TOPIC

Main differences between North and South by 1850 including the breakdown of the Missouri Compromise; sectionalism; the issues of slavery and westward expansion as they developed in the 1850s including 1850 Compromise, Kansas-Nebraska, Dred Scott, John Brown, Lincoln and the Republican Party; election of 1860; secession and the failure of compromise; reasons for outbreak of hostilities.

Course outline

The Civil War

Leadership in the North and South during the Civil War; Lincoln and the Union, character, appointments, relations with ministers, organisation of war effort, Emancipation Proclamation, election of 1864; Davis and Confederacy, character, appointments, relations with ministers, states, organisation of war effort; reasons for Union victory including effectiveness of McClellan, Grant and Lee as military commanders; resources; morale; strategies; the significance of major campaigns and battles including Antietam, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Gettysburg, the march through Georgia, Wilderness Campaign; naval blockade; international situation.

Unit : Y216/01 The USA in the 19th Century: Westward expansion and Civil War 1803 – c.1890

What this looks like in the exam:

Answer **EITHER** all of Question 1 **OR** all of Question 2.

1 (a) Which of the following was of greater significance in opening up the West to settlement in the period after 1861?

(i) The Homestead Act (1862)

(ii) The Morrill Act (1862)

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

[10]

(b)* To what extent can the success of the Republican Party in the years 1854–1861 be explained by the leadership of Lincoln?

[20]

OR

2 (a) Which of the following was of greater importance in generating Northern hostility towards the South in the years 1850–1861?

(i) The Fugitive Slave Law of 1850

(ii) The Dred Scott Decision of 1857

Explain your answer with reference to both (i) and (ii).

[10]

(b)* “The consequences of Westward Expansion were entirely positive for the United States in the period 1803–c.1890.” How far do you agree?

[20]

Time allowed: 1 hour

You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet (OCR12 sent with general stationery)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Choose either Question 1 or Question 2 and answer all parts of the question.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **30**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document consists of **2** pages.

Text book

access to history

America

Civil War and Westward Expansion
1803–90

ALAN FARMER

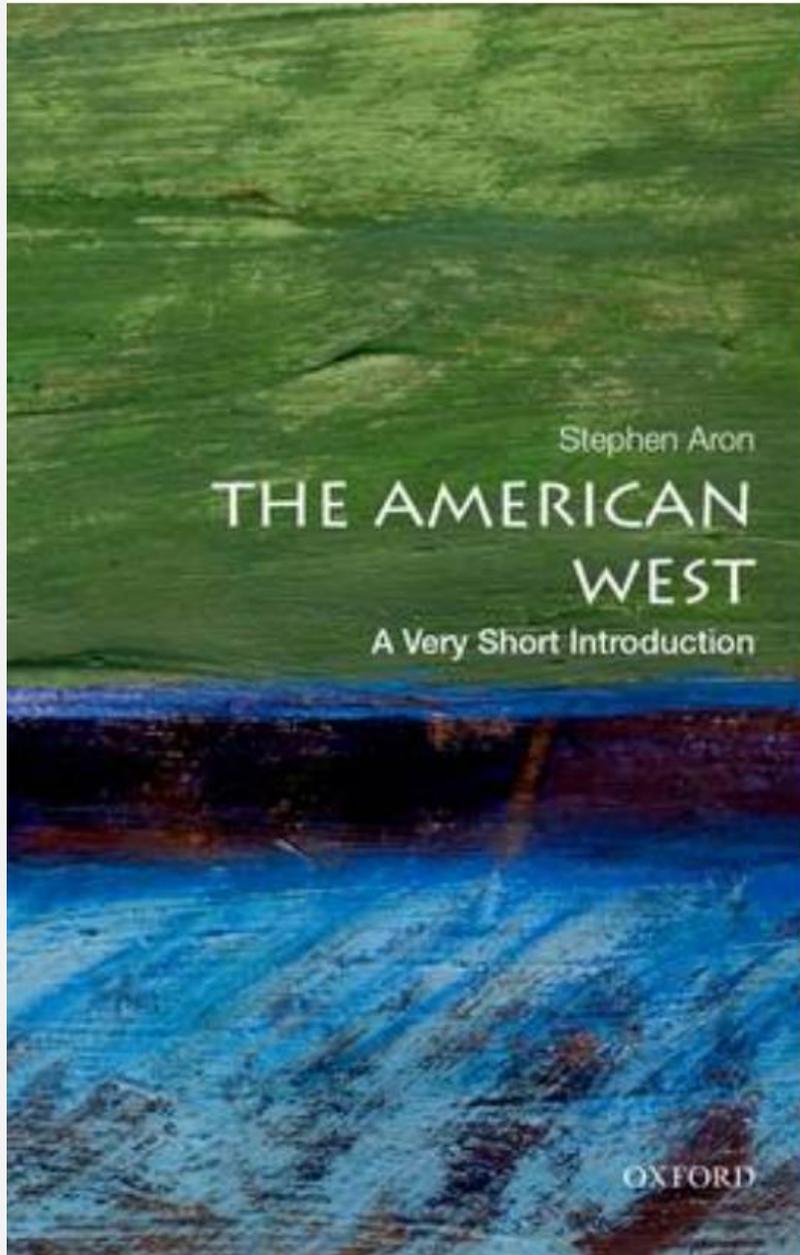
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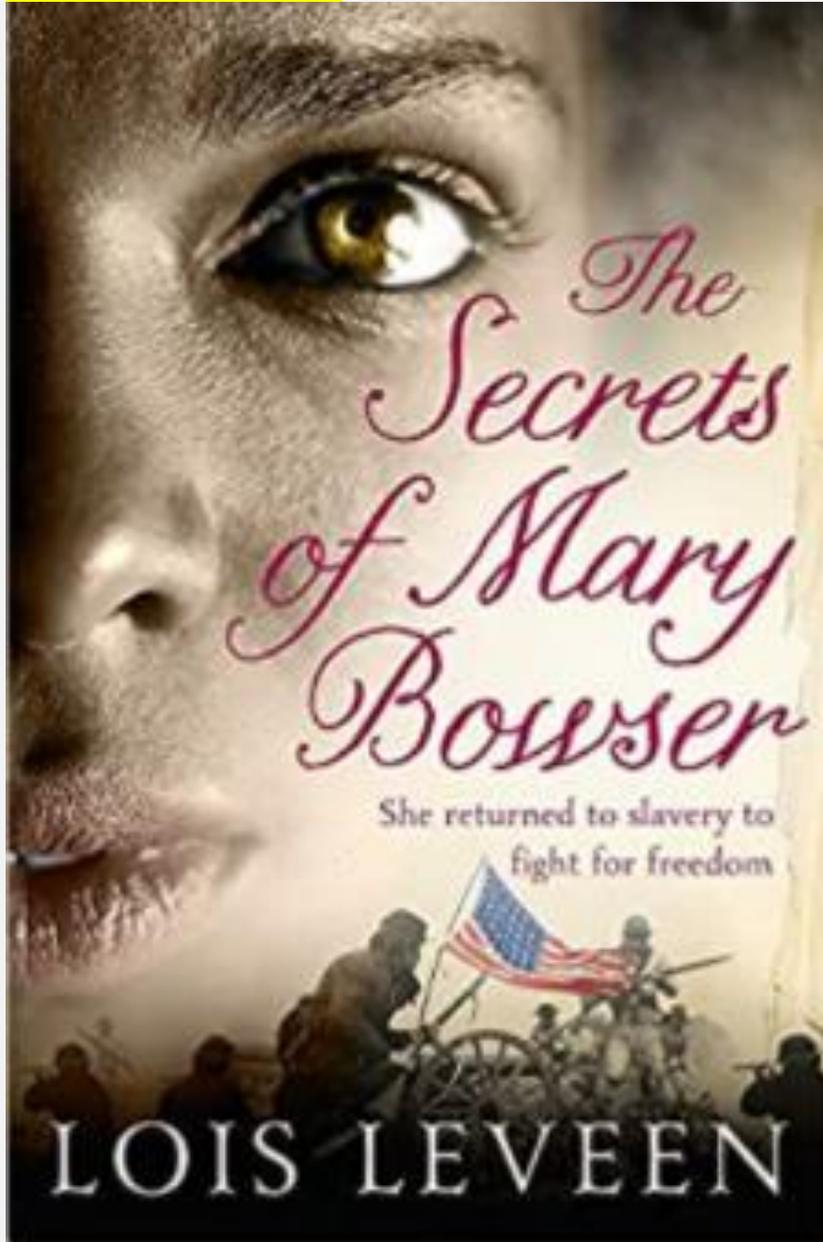
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Synopsis

Part geographical location, part time period, and part state of mind, the American West is a concept often invoked but rarely defined. Though popular culture has carved out a short and specific time and place for the region, author and longtime Californian Stephen Aron tracks "the West" from the building of the Cahokia Mounds around 900 AD to the post-World War II migration to California. His Very Short Introduction stretches the chronology, enlarges the geography, and varies the casting, providing a history of the American West that is longer, larger, and more complicated than popular culture has previously suggested. It is a history of how portions of North America became Wests, how parts of these became American, and how ultimately American Wests became the American West. Aron begins by describing the expansion of Indian North America in the centuries before and during its early encounters with Europeans. He then explores the origins of American westward expansion from the Seven Years' War to the 1830s, focusing on the western frontier at the time: the territory between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River. He traces the narrative - temporally and geographically - through the discovery of gold in California in the mid-nineteenth century and the subsequent rush to the Pacific Slope. He shows how the passage of the Newlands Reclamation Act in 1902 brought an unprecedented level of federal control to the region, linking the West more closely to the rest of the United States, and how World War II brought a new rush of population (particularly to California), further raising the federal government's profile in the region and heightening the connections between the West and the wider world. Authoritative, lucid, and ranging widely over issues of environment, people, and identity, this is the American West stripped of its myths. The complex convergence of peoples, polities, and cultures that has decisively shaped the history of the American West serves as the key interpretive thread through this Very Short Introduction

Reading



'I spy with my little eye, where the bird goes when he doesn't fly,' Mama said one mid-day, her words floating on the Richmond heat as we carried empty cookpots through the yard to the kitchen.

Mama, your little girl is all grown up, and still playing our best game. I am a spy . . .

Mary Bowser was born a slave. She was freed and educated.

Then she willingly went back into slavery . . .

As the American Civil War looms, Mary gives up her independence and returns to her home state. There she poses as an illiterate slave in the Confederate White House and spies on President Jefferson Davis.

But as the death and destruction of war take their toll, Mary discovers that everything comes at a cost--even freedom.

Based on a true story, *The Secrets of Mary Bowser* is an extraordinary and inspiring tale of injustice and courage, friendship and conflict--and of one woman willing to sacrifice her own liberty to change the course of history.

Reading

Uncle Tom's Cabin

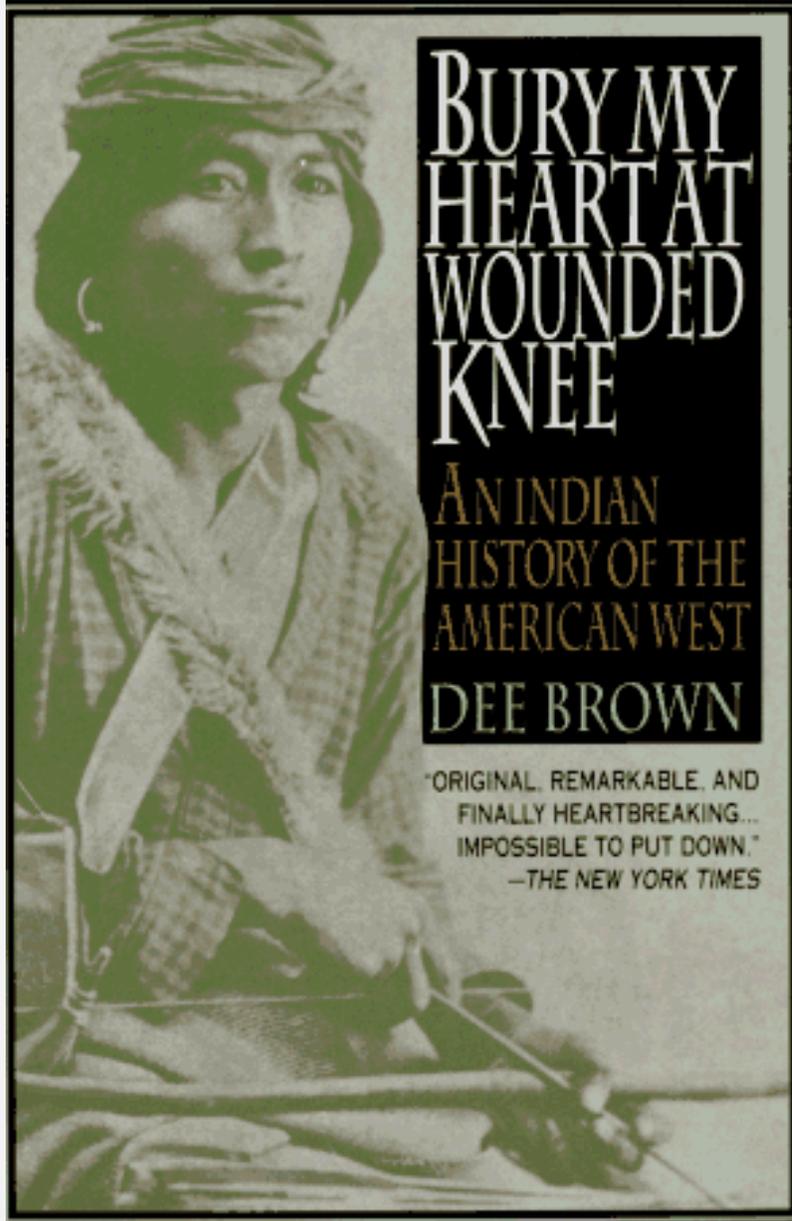


HARRIET BEECHER STOWE

Synopsis:

Written by American author and dedicated abolitionist Harriet Beecher Stowe, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is a poignant novel which shows the harsh reality of a slave's life in the 1800s. Uncle Tom, an African-American slave who believes in the power of Christian faith. The book would be a major contributor to the Civil War because its compelling portrayal of slaves as fellow human beings left little room for compromise: if slaves were indeed human, then no justification for slavery was possible. While this tale is heavy with the suffering of slavery, its strong characters and their songs show the resilience of those with love for God and how that love can overcome even the worst conditions. Being the second best-selling book of the 20th century, Stowe's compelling story is one that will empower you to consider who might not be regarded as humans, today, and what that means for us in the 21st century.

Reading

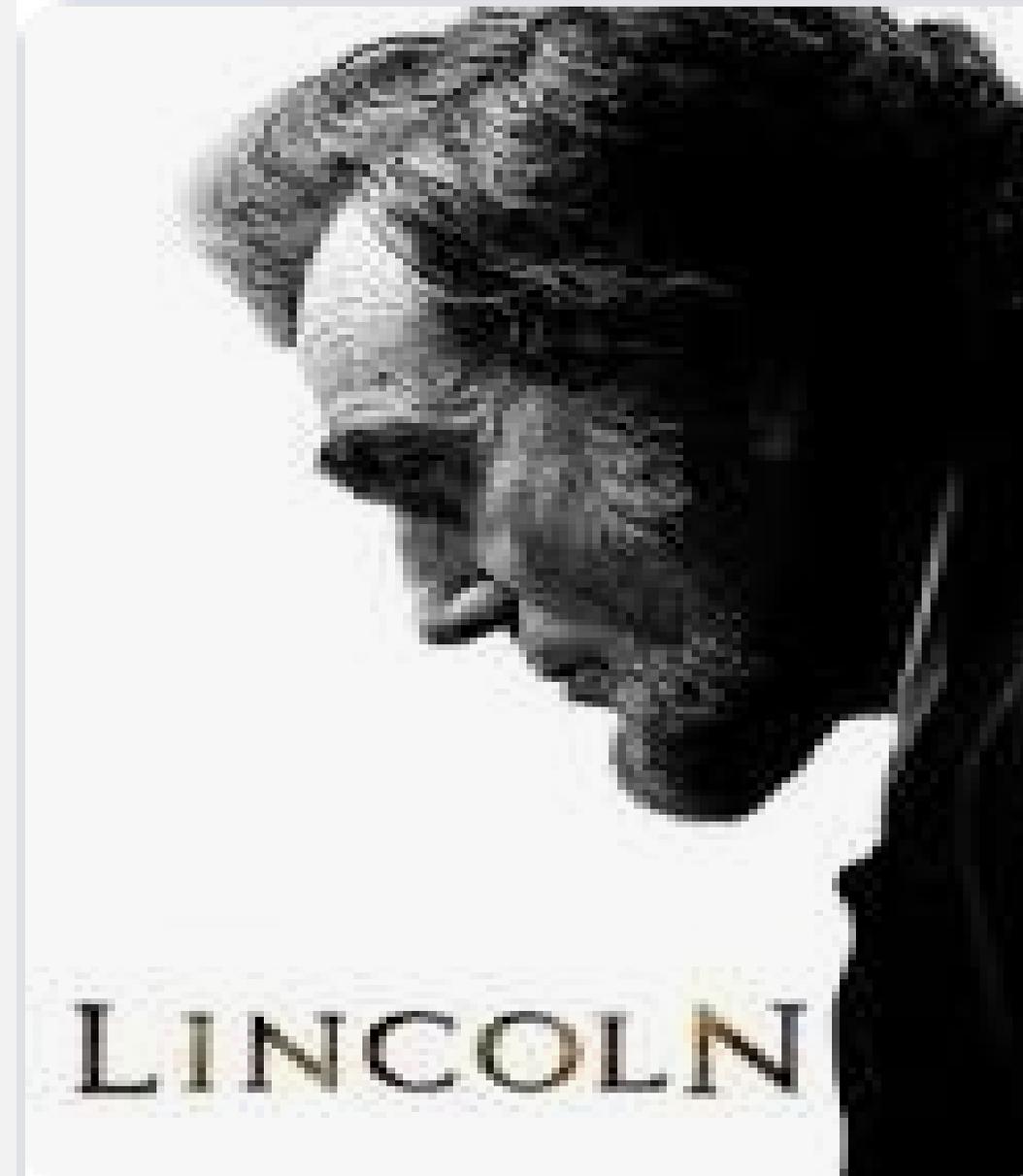


The book expresses details of **the** history of American expansionism from a point of view that is critical of its effects on **the** Native Americans. **Brown** describes Native Americans' displacement through forced relocations and years of warfare waged by **the** United States federal government.

Lincoln (2012)

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Glory (1989)

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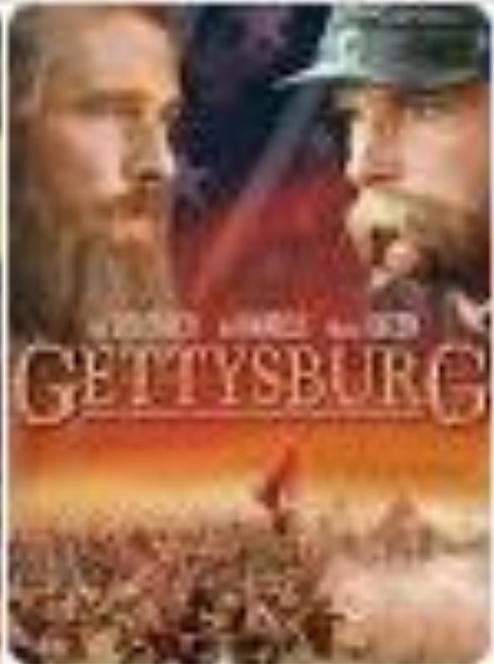
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