

Fort Davis

National Historic Site

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Curriculum Materials Grades 9-12

Student Activity: Travel Through Time



National Park Vacation Brochure

Directions:

Go to www.nps.gov

On the green horizontal bar, select the option: “**Find a park**”

Under Advanced Search, choose “**by topic**”

Select the topic of “**westward expansion**”

A list of parks will appear.

From this list, select a Park or Historic Site that you would like to learn more about.

Once you have made your selection, answer the following questions. These questions will become the information for the panels of your travel brochure. You also need to think about photos and maps to include.

1. What is the name of the National Park or Historic Site you selected?
2. In what state is it located?
3. When was it established?
4. Why was it considered nationally significant and thus included in the national park system?
5. Give a brief history of the location or site. How did it fit into Westward Expansion?
6. What is the weather like at the park or site? Can people stay there? What would they need to bring with them?
7. What will people learn if they go to the site or park? How will you “sell” this as a vacation destination?

Create the Brochure



Create a four-panel brochure for your Park or Site. This brochure should be neatly written and visually stimulating in order to entice people to visit. Below are the minimum requirements for each panel – feel free to include more.

Panel 1 Cover: Title of the park, location including state and city, 1-2 pictures, your name

Panel 2 Historical Information: How did this park fit into Westward Expansion? This panel should include at least one photo and a narrative explanation of how the location served social, economic or political goals of the United States government.

Panel 3 General Information: When is the best time to visit this park? Are there accommodations? Are there fees associated with admission? Are there programs for youth?

Panel 4 Importance: In this final panel, you need to really “sell” the park. Remember, this is a travel brochure, so perhaps there are other places in the area people could visit as well. Maybe you have a firsthand account of someone who has visited the Park and attests to its merits! Be creative!

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