

Alex's Wild Adventure



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Alex was there, at the town's history museum.



Westward
Expansion
Exhibit, neat!



The first thing that caught Alex's eye was a map .

It's crazy how populated the Eastern part of the United States is, and how unexplored the West is before the 1840s!



An odd rustling noise made Alex nervous.



Hello, my name is William, I am a pioneer, would you like to know more about the Western Expansion?



Manifest Destiny is the idea that one day the United States would extend its borders from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

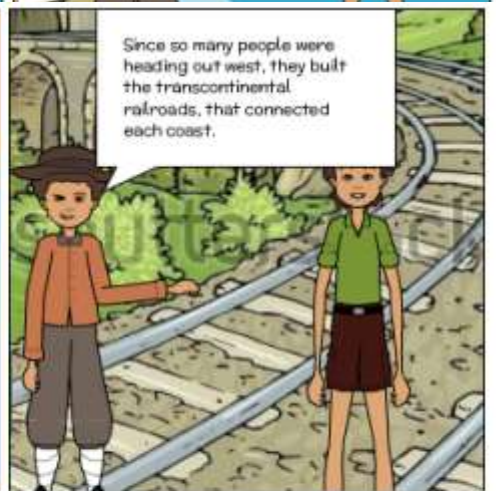


My family traveled west because of that concept and for all the new opportunities. We rode in a Wagon Train.

What's a wagon train?



Since so many people were heading out west, they built the transcontinental railroads, that connected each coast.



The US government passed the Homesteader Act, which encouraged people to move west. The act gave a person over twenty one 160 acres of land for \$10!

Is that why people were called Homesteaders?

That's exactly right!



Even though this was great for the homesteaders, it wasn't so great for the American Indians.



There were many battle between the American Indians and the settlers over the rights of the land.



Did the government try to fix the situation?



The government created reservations, or special lands for American Indians to live on.

That's horrible!



Unfortunately, these reservations were not good places to live, and many people died of disease and starvation.

Even more horrible, many American Indians were *Massacred*, or killed ruthlessly.



Let's go and look at some pictures now, and I'll explain more.



Sounds good!

Custer's last stand?



What you see in this picture is an example of the most well-known battle, do you know what it is?



Who won?



That's one name for it, the other is the Battle of Little Bighorn. This battle was an attack by the Americans led by general Custer against the American Indians led by Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull.

The American Indians won this battle, but there were more and they were defeated. The defeat of the Americans in this battle infuriated many settlers, though.



This anger led to a movement for assimilation, where American Indians were expected to give up their beliefs and way of life to become more like the settlers.



The DAWES Act (1887)

Adopted in 1887 by Congress. It's author was Henry Dawes of Massachusetts.

INDIAN LAND FOR SALE

GET A HOME
160 AC.
100 AC.
50 AC.
25 AC.
10 AC.
5 AC.
2 AC.
1 AC.

FREE LANDS IN THE WEST

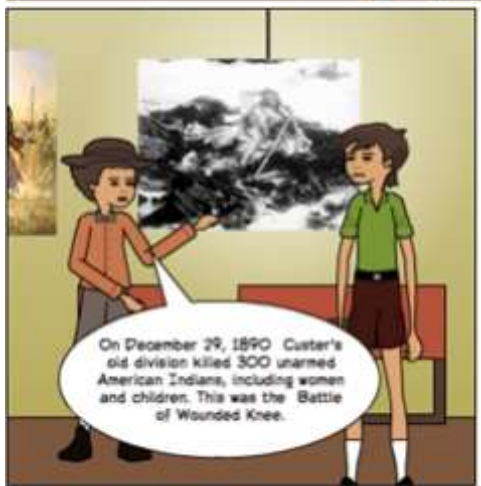
authorized the President of the United States to survey Indian tribal land and divide the land into allotments for individual Indians.

To each head of a family, 1/2 section.
To each single person, 1/4 section.
To each minor child, 1/8 section.

Many Indians have been wrongly persuaded to leave, and now at the reservation land is being bought.

What we're looking at now is called the Dawes Act, it gave American Indians the right to own property, get an education and could offer citizenship.







Alex entered Industrial America exhibit.



Hi my name is Alex.



Hi my name is Nancy.

The fancy name for the time period of 1865-1915 is Industrial America.



The fancy word for cities is urban areas and the fancy word for country is rural areas.



Hello I am President Theodore Roosevelt.



This is the period after the Civil War where people left the rural areas to urban areas.



The people who moved to the urban areas tended to work in factories.



President Roosevelt explained why train were a huge deal in the Industrial America time period.



Trains transported natural resources from rural areas to the urban areas to make products for customers.

The fancy word for making products and fuel for machines is natural resources.



Nancy, Alex should visit the inventors and hear about their inventions.



A lot of inventions were created during this period because of assembly lines. Assembly line is the fancy word for workers and equipment working together to make a product by passing it to one another until it is completed.



The Riddler off Batman popped up in Alex's dream (he had read the comic book Batman before falling asleep). The Riddler was kidnapping Nancy.



If you want dear Nancy back here, you must follow all of the fancy clues I have placed around the exhibit. The first clue is under your shoe.

In a pool of green smoke, the Riddler and Nancy were gone. Alex was totally confused as to what was happening.



He looked under his left shoe and there was a note.



If you want to contact us, find what Alexander Graham Bell developed.

What would Nancy say about Alexander Graham Bell and contacting people? He knew saying fancy and Nancy when was talking will help him decipher the codes.



The fancy word for contacting people over a long distance developed by Alexander Graham Bell is the telephone.



When he finally found it, it was ringing off the hook. Picking up the phone, the Riddler squealed with glee.

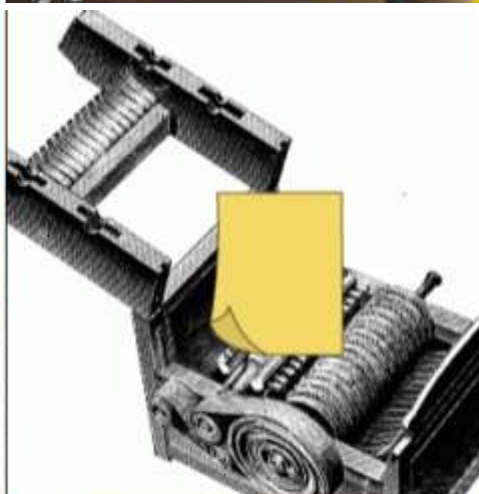
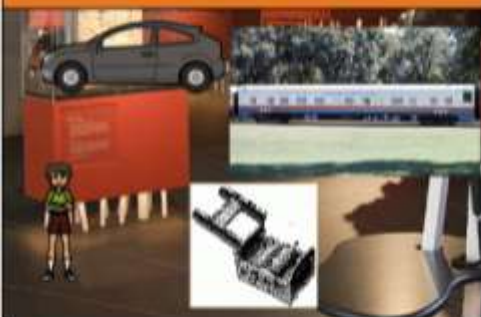


Oh bravo, sir Alex. That was close one of 3. Interchangeable parts is a must for Eli Whitney.

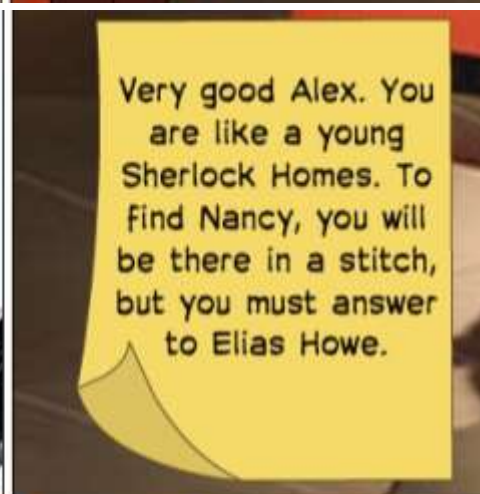
Eli Whitney discovered interchangeable parts, which is fancy for parts that can be changed with different ones, by discovering cotton gin.



Alex was perplexed he had no idea what a cotton gin would look like. The exhibit was quite large yet it did not have many large things in it. The few large things were a gasoline automobile, railroad sleeping car, and an object he didn't know what it was. He assumed it was the cotton gin.



Very good Alex. You are like a young Sherlock Homes. To find Nancy, you will be there in a stitch, but you must answer to Elias Howe.



He was having a hard time coming up with what was a stitch, when he remember from class that Elias Howe developed the sewing machine.

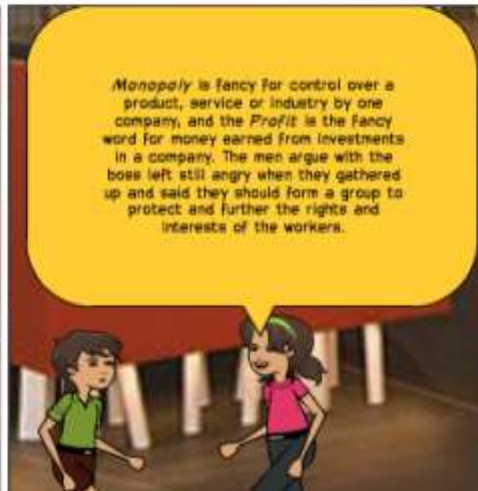


Springing into action Alex noticed there were a lot of people arguing with one man. He wanted to stop and find out what was going on but he had no time to lose. Nancy's life could depend on it.



He found the Riddler sewing Nancy into a tightly wound cocoon.



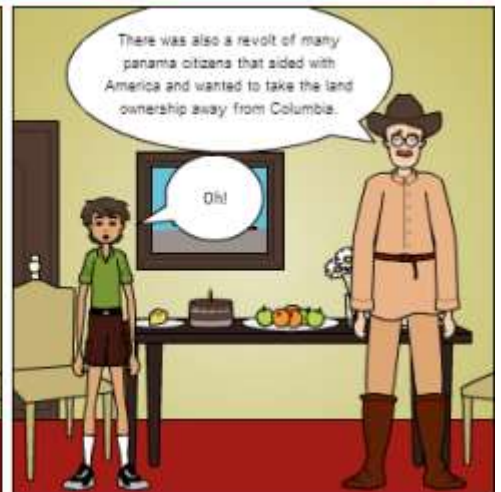


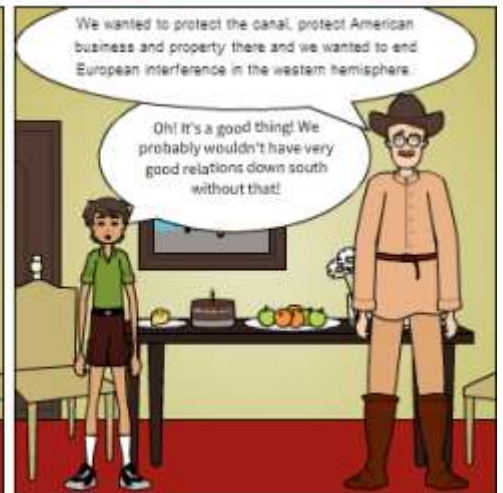
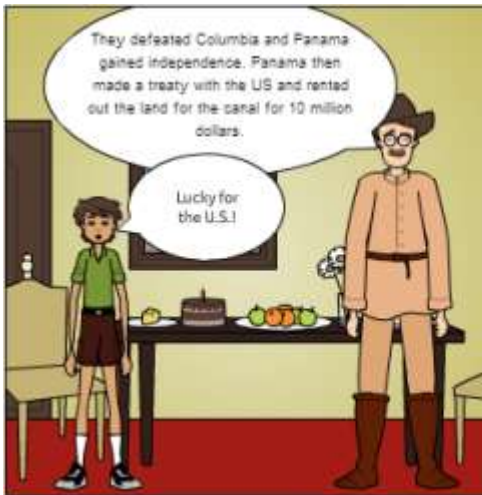


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The American and Chinese Relations Exhibit











Standards:

RL.6 Explain how an author develops the point of view of the narrator or speaker in a text

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8.US.1.2. Students are able to describe the unfolding of westward expansion and reform movements in the United States.

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8.US.2.2. Students are able to summarize the influence of westward expansion and reform movements on American Culture, philosophies, and religions.

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