

Images of Westward Expansion

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"Across the Continent" by F.F. Palmer (1868)



"Westward the Course of Empire Takes Its Way" by Emmanuel Leutze
(1861)

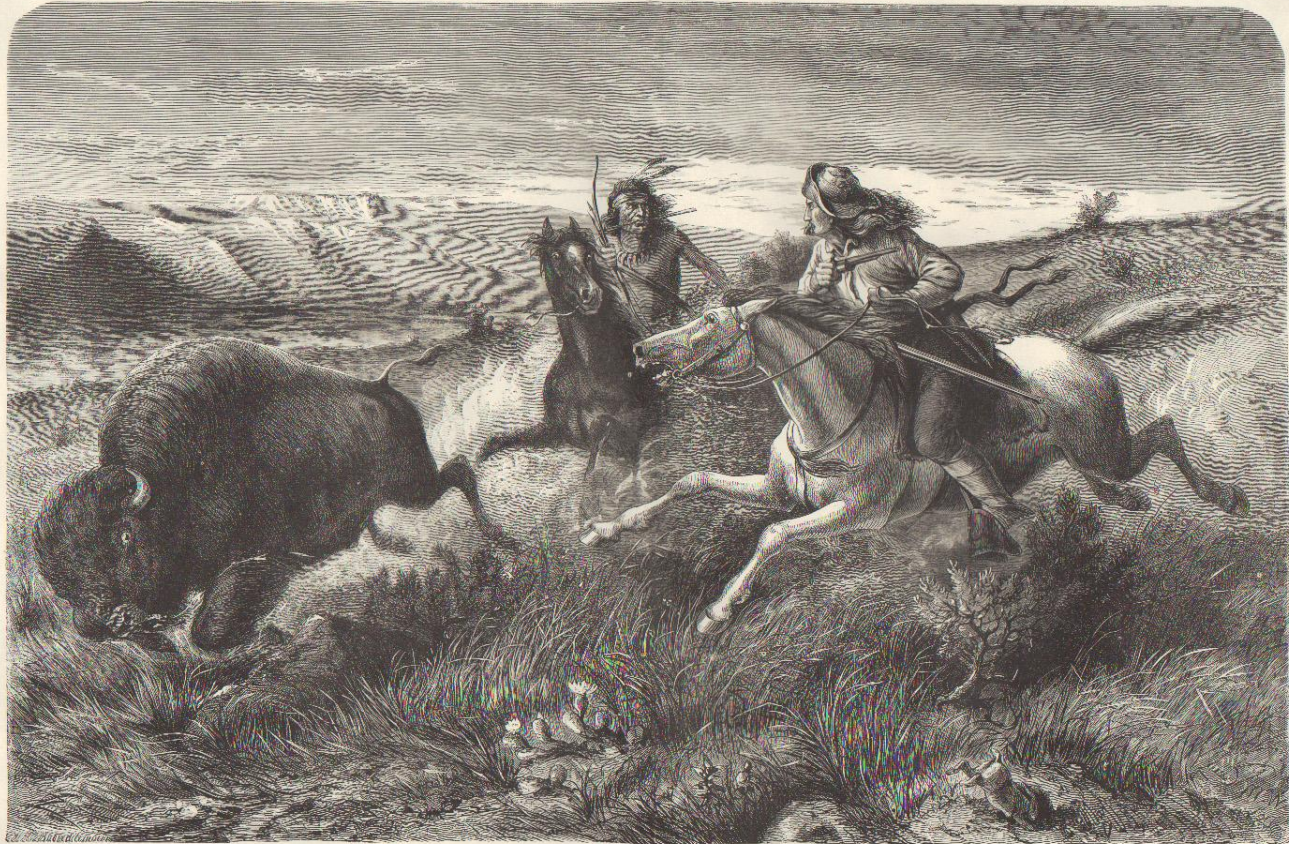


"Attack on the Emigrant Train" by George Granger (1857)



AN EMIGRANT TRAIN, ATTACKED BY HOSTILE INDIANS ON THE PRAIRIE.

"Manifest Destiny" by William Cary (1876)



“Notch of the White Mountains” by Thomas Cole (1839)



“Home in the Woods” by Thomas Cole (1847)



"Fort Laramie prior to 1840" by Alfred Jacob Miller (1858-1860)



"Buffalo Hunt, 1870s"



"Hunting Passenger Pigeons in Louisiana" (woodcut, 1870s)



1800 - population est. 3-5 billion birds

1813 - flight along Ohio River darkens sky for three days. "The dung fell...[like] melting flakes of snow," said J.J. Audubon.

1871 - mass nesting in OH; 850 sq. mi., over 136,000,000 birds

1878 - last mass nesting in MI; 10,000,000 killed

1895 - last nest & egg found in wild

1902 - last wild one shot

Wounded Knee Massacre, SD (Dec. 29, 1890)



Main Ideas

Man vs. nature ideology - fear of natural world; it is to be conquered & molded into something new

Ordained right - God supports expansion of nation; ends justify means

Earth's bounty is endless - impossible to exhaust the resources of the nation

Competition - Natives must be defeated; progress won't happen by itself