

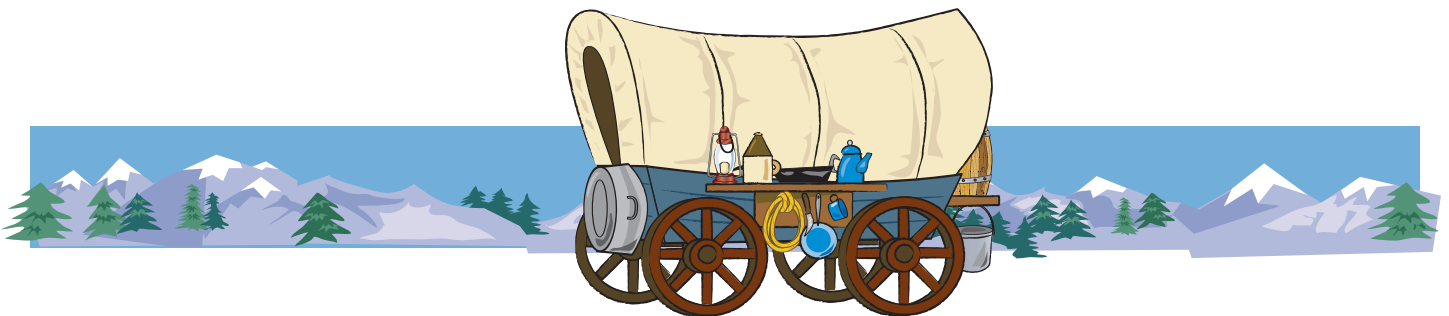
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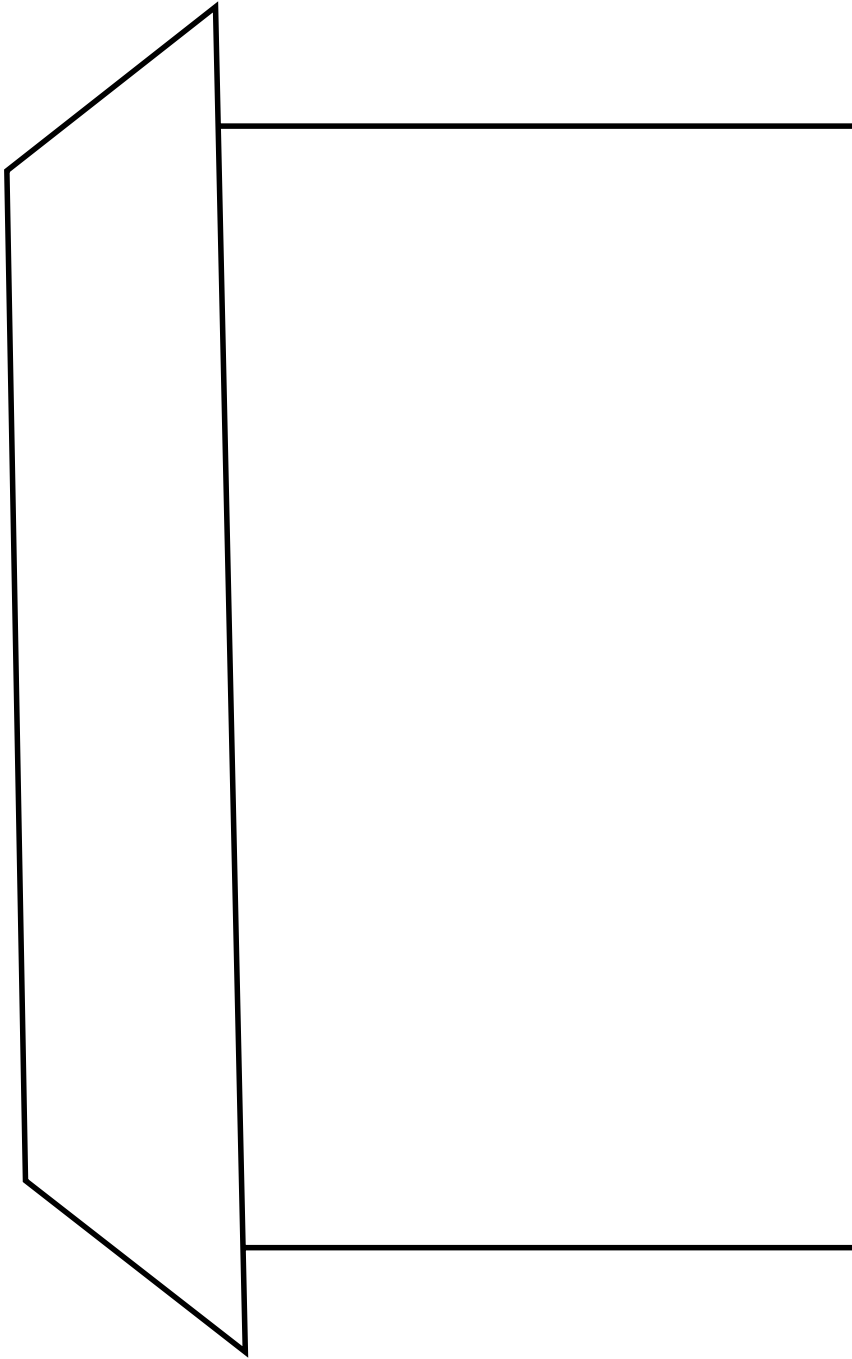
Westward Expansion Elementary Teacher Instructions and Reproducible Activity

Students will draw a type of building found in the West during Westward Expansion using a generic building on a reproducible worksheet.

Supplies needed: worksheet with generic building, crayons, colored pencils, textbooks, sample sheet showing examples of buildings, and any other reference materials available.

1. First, discuss the different types of buildings found in the West during Westward Expansion—a log cabin, a plank house/farmhouse, a church, a blacksmith shop, a sawmill, a school, a general store/mercantile, a fort, and others as they relate to your study of this unit. See the sample sheet provided.
2. Next, hand out the worksheet with the generic building on it.
3. Instruct the students to turn this structure into the building of their choice—either a home or a sawmill, blacksmith shop, fort, general store, etc. Explain to them to use the appropriate details so that it is easy to see what type of building they have created—remind them to put signs on their buildings if appropriate. They can draw things outside the building, too; like horses outside a blacksmith shop.
4. Explain to the students that once they have customized and colored their buildings, they are to write an explanation on the worksheet of this building's purpose/importance on the frontier.





Sample Ideas for Buildings

