

CHUCKWAGON CAFE

CLASSROOM RESOURCES FOR GEO-DETECTIVES STUDENT TOUR

Geography of the American West

Exploring the vast landscapes and peoples of the West is challenging, so let's begin with a Virtual 3-D Gallery Tour. What supports what you know? What more do you want to learn?



Location: Where is the West?

Art and artifacts can help answer this question. Learn how an amazing artist recorded the diversity of environments, giving us a mental map of the West.



Place: What are Characteristics?

Both physical and human features define the uniqueness of a place. How would you describe the American West? Take this Virtual 3-D Tour to discover what defines the West.



Human-Environment Interaction

Natural resources have been used by Indigenous cultures of the West long prior to arrival by new settlers. Explore how Native people relied on the land to meet their needs.



Movement & Change Over Time

The migration of people, goods, and ideas transformed the West over time and continues today. Journey back into time and follow the experiences of an artist traveling westward!



Regions: Making Sense of Similarities

The regions of the West can be identified by many different criteria, such as rural and urban similarities. Explore an urban area at the turn of the 20th century!



The Meaning of Stewardship

Think about the role geography of the West plays in our daily lives. Consider our reliance on the resources of the American West. Learn how an early naturalist made a difference in preserving the lands of the American West! **Meet John Muir!**

People of the West

Enjoy learning about three major groups of people who make the region a unique place today:

The Fur Traders

The Rancher

The Rodeo Athlete

