

## **Lesson Plan Title: Moving West**

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**Course/Grade Level: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History**

### **Overview of the Lesson (brief summary)**

**I would include this lesson as part of my Manifest Destiny lessons. This first lesson is to get students to understand the decision to move out west and some of the obstacles faced by the settlers.**

### **TEKS/TAKS**

8.6 (B) (C) (E) History. The student understands westward expansion and its effects on the political, economic, and social development of the nation. 8.10 (B) Geography. The student uses geographic tools to collect, analyze, and interpret data. 8.11 (A) Geography. The student understands the physical characteristics of the United States during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries and how humans adapted to and modified the environment.

### **Objectives: The learner will**

- Objective 5—Students will use critical-thinking skills to analyze social studies information.
- Objective 3- Students will use geography skills to analyze social studies information

### **Time Required**

**45 minute Period/Class**

### **Materials Needed (primary source document plus...)**

**Land for sell! Advertisement, Home in Illinois, Map of U.S.**

### **Procedure**

- **After discussing the meaning of Manifest Destiny and consequences of that belief, I would tell students that we were going to walk through the journey of going out west for the next three lessons.**
- **Place the students in groups.**
- **Assign a Speaker, Facilitator, and Recorder in the groups.**
- **Speaker – speaks for the group, Facilitator- moves discussion along in the group, and the Recorder- records the group’s conclusions.**

- **Give students a copy of the Land for Sell Advertisement (primary source). Students will read the document and discuss the document as a class. What information is given in the document? Where was this taking place? When was this taking place? What was offered in the document? Etc.**
- **Next; give students a copy of the map of U.S. (primary source). Explain how this is a map of Illinois territory of March 2, 1818. Help students recognize the openness of the land and scarcity of people at that time.**
- **Students would be asked to do three things:**
  - **1. Make a list of reasons you would want to go out West.**
  - **2. Make a list of 20 items you would take with you on the trip**
  - **3. Discuss at your table those items and problems you might encounter on your journey.**
  - **Finally: Present a summary of that discussion to the class.**
- **Assessment Tools: the lists students make, the discussion among students during the activity, and the oral presentation to the class will demonstrate comprehension and empathy.**
- **TAKS question: What were the economic reasons for encountering hardships and possible death on the journey out West?**

## **Document Source The Library of Congress**

### **First American West: The Ohio River Valley, 1750-1820**

1. <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListSome.php?category=Immigration,+American%20Expansion>  
Advertisement of Land for sell.

2. <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award99/icuhtml/fawhome.html>

"Map of part of the United States of North America, with the territory of the Illinois on the Ohio, particularly designed to illustrate Birkbeck's Journey," from *Notes on a journey in America : from the coast of Virginia to the territory of Illinois*. Morris Birkbeck. 1818. [Page 164](#)

# Great Bargains.

## Land & Town Lots at Auction.

WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, ON  
**Monday the 12th of November**

NEXT, in the Town of Owensborough, at the Yellow-Banks,

### ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TRACTS OF LAND,

**FOUR HUNDRED ACRES EACH,** being part of MAY, BANISTER & COMPANY'S SURVEY OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO ACRES, lying upon the Ohio River and Panther Creek, being so much of said tract as remains clear of interference, after platting out and settling claims, and which has been sectionised into small tracts to suit purchasers; plainly marked and numbered as to admit of being examined without difficulty. This land lies from four to twelve miles above Owensborough, and from 90 to 100 below Louisville. Plats of it will be furnished by Mr. Philip Triplett, living in the town of Owensborough, to any person wishing to view the land. He will also, in the absence of one of the subscribers, (who will be upon the premises in a few weeks) have the said land shown, or give any information relative to it, which may be required. Also,

### ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED ACRES,

on the Ohio River, twelve miles from Owensborough, in the same names.

### ALSO, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY ACRES,

on Clover Creek, about five miles from the Ohio, thirty-five above the Yellow Banks, and five miles from Hardinsburg, in the same names.

The foregoing lands are to be sold for the purpose of closing the long standing concern of MAY, BANISTER, AND CO. before, not one acre will be purchased in for that company.

The lands are, perhaps, possessed of as great local advantages as those of any part of the state. Their proximity to the Ohio gives them great advantages over those in the interior of the state. Besides, the facility of shipping to this region, that in one removed from navigation, the demand which the numerous Steam boats on the Ohio will create for such articles as may be necessary to supply their tables, should not be overlooked. It is considered a fine tobacco country, and for raising hogs, none in Kentucky can surpass it. Owensborough is a flourishing little town and will afford a fine market for every thing raised in its vicinity.

### ALSO, FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED ACRES,

on a branch of Green River, in Butler county, about five miles from Morgantown, belonging to the same concern, laid off into sections as aforesaid.

### ALSO, SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY ACRES, PART OF ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY,

on Caneys Creek, in Grayson County, in the same names.

### ALSO, THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN ACRES,

on Bear Creek, near Green River, Grayson County.

The foregoing are all the lands, belonging to said concern in this section of country in a situation to be sold at public auction, but all the lands belonging to said company are for sale and will be disposed of on very reasonable terms.

The members of said company, for the greater facility of managing the business, have centred their titles in the hands of Messrs. James Frontis, and Robert K. Jones of Petersburg, and Thomas T. Boulclin of Richmond, all of whom, who have appointed one of the subscribers (Robert Triplett) their attorney in fact, with instructions to sell the lands of said concern, either privately or at public auction, for the purpose of closing the business of said company; and probably no opportunity will soon occur, when the industrious farmer with money enough to purchase, will find a good opportunity of securing himself a home upon such easy terms. These lands will be sold for ONE SIXTH PART IN HAND, the balance in TWO, THREE, AND FOUR YEAR, EQUAL PAYMENTS. And here, (in many instances no doubt \$100 or \$200 will make the first payment on a fine farm, and with ordinary industry and management, even the hogs which might be raised would complete the remaining payments.

Upon the same terms, and at the same time, the subscriber R. T. as attorney in fact for Thomas T. Boulclin, Exr. of D. Ross, deed, will sell positively,

### ONE LOT NO. ONE, FOUR HUNDRED ACRES,

part of 2500 on Clover Creek, three miles from Hardinsburg, patented to David Ross, a tract of prime land, with Clover Creek running through the heart of it. This lot is to be sold merely to bring the remainder into market by procuring a settlement there. At the same time the remainder will be sold if a moderately reasonable price can be obtained.

At the same time will be offered and sold if but a moderate price can be obtained

### FOUR OR FIVE LOTS OF THREE AND FOUR HUNDRED ACRES EACH,

from two to three miles from Owensborough, being part of Ross and May's survey of 5656 acres on the Ohio river at the Yellow Banks, on the same terms as the foregoing. Also, at the same time will be sold,

### ALL THE LOTS IN THE TOWN OF OWENSBOROUGH,

owned by Ross and May, being one half of the same—for one fourth part in hand, and two, three and four years for the balance. In all the foregoing sales a lien on the property will be the only security required.

The geographical situation of Owensborough, by viewing the Map of Kentucky, will be found such, as to ensure its rise and rapid improvement, as the country becomes settled about it. It is the nearest point of landing on the Ohio for a large district of country, for which it must become the point of depot and entrepot. To mechanics we think it promises a fine harvest and they would do well to attend the sale.

ROBERT TRIPLETT, DANIEL EPPES,  
JNO. L. MAY, POLLY EPPES,

FRANKFORT, 10TH AUGUST, 1821.

\* To suit all grades of purchasers, some of these tracts will be subdivided into smaller ones.

*Map of part of the UNITED STATES of NORTH AMERICA, with the TERRITORY of the ILLINOIS on the Ohio.*

*particularly designed to illustrate Birckbeck's Journey*



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