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Westward Expansion May 18 2021 Offers new viewpoints on the Turner hypothesis and reappraises the Indian's cultural and economic contributions to America's development *The Significance of the Frontier in American History* Apr 28 2022 This hugely influential work marked a turning point in US history and culture, arguing that the nation's expansion into the Great West was directly linked to its unique spirit: a rugged individualism forged at the juncture between civilization and wilderness, which - for better or worse - lies at the heart of American identity today. Throughout history, some books have changed the world. They have transformed the way we see ourselves - and each other. They have inspired debate, dissent, war and revolution. They have enlightened, outraged, provoked and comforted. They have enriched lives - and destroyed them. Now Penguin brings you the works of the great thinkers, pioneers, radicals and visionaries whose ideas shook civilization and helped make us who we are.

Westward Expansion Jul 20 2021 There were many reasons for Americans to move west in the 1800s. The gold rush, religious movements, new farmland, and even a transcontinental railroad brought people from across the country to settle. This valuable resource highlights the major causes and effects of America's push westward—from the Erie Canal to the rise of cowboys. With the help of detailed photographs, readers discover the events that expanded America from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.

The Great Medicine Road: 1850-1855 Apr 16 2021 Between 1841 and 1866, more than a half-million people followed trails to Oregon, California, and Utah in one of the largest mass migrations in American history. The Great Medicine Road, Part 4 collects the letters, diaries, and reminiscences of some of the emigrants who made this journey between 1856 and 1869, as a second generation of miners, farmers, town builders, and religious believers turned their adventurous eyes westward in search of new beginnings. Here, in their own words, are the experiences of young men hoping to make their fortunes in mining operations that had sprung up as the gold rush

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The Split History of Westward Expansion in the United States Nov 23 2021 "Describes the opposing viewpoints of the American Indians and settlers during the Westward Expansion"-- Provided by publisher.

Exodusters Jun 26 2019 Looks at African American migration from the South after the Civil War.

Improving Social Studies Instruction Dec 13 2020

A Timeline History of the California Gold Rush Jun 06 2020 The California gold rush lasted only seven years, but it affected people around the world. Track the important events and turning points that made the discovery of gold a pivotal part of the westward expansion of the United States.

The Cherokee Removal Jan 02 2020 The Cherokee Removal of 1838-1839 unfolded against a complex backdrop of competing ideologies, self-interest, party politics, altruism, and ambition. Using documents that convey Cherokee voices, government policy, and white citizens' views, Theda Perdue and Michael D. Green present a multifaceted account of this complicated moment in American history. The second edition of this successful, class-tested volume contains four new sources, including the Cherokee Constitution of 1827 and a modern Cherokee's perspective on the removal.

The introduction provides students with succinct historical background. Document headnotes contextualize the selections and draw attention to historical methodology. To aid students' investigation of this compelling topic, suggestions for further reading, photographs, and a chronology of the Cherokee removal are also included.

Who Were the American Pioneers? Nov 11 2020 Answers questions about the expansion of the Western United States, including what was gold fever, why did families risk everything to move West, who were the cowboys, and more.

"*Westward the Course of Empire*" Sep 29 2019 Catalogue for an exhibition at the Grolier Club, focussing primarily on maps that illustrate who went west in the 19th century and why.

However, the earliest map in the exhibition is Girolamo Ruscelli's "Nueva Hispania Tabula Nova", was printed in Venice in 1574. It and other 16th and 17th century maps depict what people who had never seen the West thought it might look like. Even as late as the 18th century, very little was actually known about the American West.00In the 19th century, the exploration and settlement of the West exploded. In the 58 years between the Louisiana Purchase and the Civil War, the United States expanded from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean, and in the far West, from the 32nd Parallel to the 49th Parallel. This expansion encompassed the 828,000 square-mile Louisiana Territory, Texas, the Oregon Territory and the old Spanish Southwest. By the late 1850s, almost all of these areas had been mapped, explored, and many had been surveyed and settled.00One of the most iconic maps in the exhibition is Lewis and Clark's map of the Northwest: "A Map of Lewis and Clark's Track Across the Western Portion of North America, from the Mississippi to the Pacific Ocean, by Order of the Executive of the United States in 1804, 5 & 6" created during their expedition to the Pacific. It was not published until 1814, but it remained the standard against which all mapping of that part of North America was measured for decades.00Exhibition: Grolier Club, New York, USA (22.03.-26.05.2018).

Manifest Destiny Mar 28 2022 As the population of the 13 colonies grew and the

economy developed, the desire to expand into new land increased. Nineteenth-century Americans believed it was their divine right to expand their territory from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific. "Manifest destiny," a phrase first used in 1839 by journalist John O'Sullivan, embodied the belief that God had given the people of the United States a mission to spread a republican democracy across the continent. Advocates of manifest destiny were determined to carry out their mission and instigated several wars, including the war with Mexico to win much of what is now the southwestern United States. In *Manifest Destiny: Westward Expansion*, learn how this philosophy to spread out across the land shaped our nation.

Westward Ho! America's Westward Expansion Accelerates 2020 Planner Organizer

May 06 2020 The U.S. government gave millions of acres of public land to railroad companies in the 1800s in exchange for the railroads building tracks in locations the government specified. These were called Land Grants. The Land Grant Act of 1850 provided for 3.75 million acres of land to the states to support railroad projects; by 1857 21 million acres of public lands were used for railroads in the Mississippi River valley, and the stage was set for more substantial Congressional subsidies to future railroads. Four out of the five transcontinental railroads in the United States were built using land grant incentives. (Wikipedia) The Burlington and Missouri River Railroad (B&MR) was incorporated in Iowa in 1852, with headquarters in Omaha, with the mission to build a railroad across Iowa. It began operations in 1856 and was acquired by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad in 1872. (Wikipedia) This charming and fascinating piece of American history celebrating westward expansion, land grants and America's railroads graces the cover of this 2020 Planner Organizer and 2019-2020 Academic Planner. Both the Academic Planner and the 2020 Planner are a generous 8"x10", printed on premium white stock with a suede-like matte finish cover, and perfect bound for durability. Makes a great gift for railroad and history buffs of all ages and backgrounds. An especially thoughtful gift is a planner plus one or more accompanying notebooks, such as: Burlington and Missouri River Railroad Advertisement for Land Grant Tracts 4x4 Grid ISBN 9781723224485 Burlington and Missouri River Railroad Advertisement for Land Grant Tracts 5x5 Grid ISBN 9781723224706 Burlington and Missouri River Railroad Advertisement for Land Grant Tracts College Ruled ISBN 9781723224935 Burlington and Missouri River Railroad Advertisement for Land Grant Tracts Wide Ruled ISBN 9781723225192 Burlington and Missouri River Railroad Advertisement for Land Grant Tracts Hex Ruled ISBN 9781723225529 Burlington and Missouri River Railroad Advertisement for Land Grant Tracts Dot Grid ISBN 9781723225871 The Text of the Ad: Iowa and Nebraska Lands View on the Big Blue, between Camden and Crete, representing Valley and Rolling Prairie land in Nebraska. Millions of acres for sale on 10 years credit by the Burlington and Missouri River R.R. Company at 6% interest and low prices. Only one-seventh of principle due annually, beginning 4 years after purchase. 20%, deducted from 10 years price, for cash. Land

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Days of Gold Aug 01 2022 When gold was discovered in California in 1848, the news caused the greatest mass migration in the history of the Republic. This comprehensive history demonstrates how the Gold Rush touched the lives of families & communities everywhere in the U.S.

Lions of the West Nov 04 2022 From Thomas Jefferson's birth in 1743 to the California Gold Rush in 1849, America's westward expansion comes to life in the hands of a writer fascinated by the way individual lives link up, illuminate one another, and collectively impact history. Jefferson, a naturalist and visionary, dreamed that the United States would stretch across the North American continent, from ocean to ocean. The account of how that dream became reality unfolds in the stories of Jefferson and nine other Americans whose adventurous spirits and lust for land pushed the westward boundaries: Andrew Jackson, John "Johnny Appleseed" Chapman, David Crockett, Sam Houston, James K. Polk, Winfield Scott, Kit Carson, Nicholas Trist, and John Quincy Adams. Their stories—and those of the nameless thousands who risked their lives to settle on the frontier, displacing thousands of Native Americans—form an extraordinary chapter in American history that led directly to the cataclysm of the Civil War. Filled with illustrations, portraits, maps, battle plans, notes, and time lines, *Lions of the West* is a richly authoritative biography of America—its ideals, its promise, its romance, and its destiny.

The Frontiers of Women's Writing Jul 08 2020 A study of American women's writings about the West between 1830 and 1930 reviews the diaries of the overland trails; letters and journals of the wives of army officers during the Indian wars; professional travel writings, and late 19th- and early 20th-century accounts of missionaries and teachers on Indian reservations.

Manifest Destinies Jun 30 2022 A sweeping history of the 1840s, *Manifest Destinies* captures the enormous sense of possibility that inspired America's growth and shows how the acquisition of western territories forced the nation to come to grips with the deep fault line

that would bring war in the near future. Steven E. Woodworth gives us a portrait of America at its most vibrant and expansive. It was a decade in which the nation significantly enlarged its boundaries, taking Texas, New Mexico, California, and the Pacific Northwest; William Henry Harrison ran the first modern populist campaign, focusing on entertaining voters rather than on discussing issues; prospectors headed west to search for gold; Joseph Smith founded a new religion; railroads and telegraph lines connected the country's disparate populations as never before. When the 1840s dawned, Americans were feeling optimistic about the future: the population was growing, economic conditions were improving, and peace had reigned for nearly thirty years. A hopeful nation looked to the West, where vast areas of unsettled land seemed to promise prosperity to anyone resourceful enough to take advantage. And yet political tensions roiled below the surface; as the country took on new lands, slavery emerged as an irreconcilable source of disagreement between North and South, and secession reared its head for the first time. Rich in detail and full of dramatic events and fascinating characters, *Manifest Destinies* is an absorbing and highly entertaining account of a crucial decade that forged a young nation's character and destiny.

Interactive Notebook: Westward Expansion Resource Book, Grades 5 - 8 Oct 30 2019 Encourage students to create their own learning portfolios with the Mark Twain Interactive Notebook: Westward Expansion for grades 5-8. This 64-page interactive notebook includes 19 lessons that cover three units of study: The Louisiana Territory, Moving West, and California Gold Rush.

Securing the West Feb 01 2020 By 1830, many other important national concerns had become critically entangled with land disposition, creating points of ideological tension among rival regions, parties, and interests in the early years of the republic—particularly in Jacksonian America.

The Great Medicine Road, Part 4 Oct 11 2020 Between 1841 and 1866, more than a half-million people followed trails to Oregon, California, and Utah in one of the largest mass migrations in American history. The *Great Medicine Road, Part 4* collects the letters, diaries, and reminiscences of some of the emigrants who made this journey between 1856 and 1869, as a second generation of miners, farmers, town builders, and religious believers turned their adventurous eyes westward in search of new beginnings. Here, in their own words, are the experiences of young men hoping to make their fortunes in mining operations that had sprung up as the gold rush wore down, in California but also now in the silver mines of Nevada's Comstock Lode and the recently discovered gold mines of Colorado's Denver and Pike's Peak regions. Here also are families and farmers looking for land in the fertile Willamette Valley of Oregon, or joining the Mormon community in Utah. And here are the stories of intrepid sojourners traveling with—or without—military escorts as the Civil War, conflicts with Indians, and the Mormon stand against the U.S. government altered the circumstances of westward traffic. These documents, with an introduction and editorial notes written by historian Michael L.

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The Blue Tattoo Mar 04 2020 "Based on historical records, including the letters and diaries of Oatman's friends and relatives, *The Blue Tattoo* is the first book to examine her life from her childhood in Illinois including the massacre, her captivity, and her return to white society - to her later years as a wealthy banker's wife in Texas."--BOOK JACKET.

Sex and Manifest Destiny Sep 09 2020 Many factors--political, economic, sociological--contributed to the United States' westward expansion across the continent. But the role that sex played has largely been unexplored by scholars. This is the first book-length study to examine such topics as Thomas Jefferson's interest in the sex lives of American Indians, white's fear of Indians raping white women, Christian missionary beliefs that Native American sexual practices needed to be altered in order to save Indian souls, and the desire of Mormons to practice polygamy. These and other sex-related dynamics all combined to play a role in America's extension from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

America's Urban History Mar 16 2021 The history of the American city is, in many ways, the history of the United States. Although rural traditions have also left their impact on the country, cities and urban living have been vital components of America for centuries, and an understanding of the urban experience is essential to comprehending America's past. *America's Urban History* is an engaging and accessible overview of the life of American cities, from Native American settlements before the arrival of Europeans to the present-day landscape of suburban sprawl, urban renewal, and a heavily urbanized population. The book provides readers with a rich chronological and thematic narrative, covering themes including: The role of cities in the European settlement of North America Cities and westward expansion Social reform in the industrialized cities The impact of the New Deal The growth of the suburbs The relationships between urban forms and social issues of race, class, and gender Covering the evolving story of the American city with depth and insight, *America's Urban History* will be the first stop for all those seeking to explore the American urban experience.

The Influence of Sea Power Upon History, 1660-1783 Feb 12 2021 Today, war is more complicated than it has ever been. When considering military strategy, a commander must be aware of several theaters of war. There's ground strength, air power, naval combat and even cyber warfare. In the late 19th century, however, the true military might of a nation rested primarily on the strength of its navy. In 1890, United States Navy Captain Alfred Thayer Mahan published a book titled "The Influence of Sea Power Upon History." The monumental text addressed the importance of both military and commercial fleets in the success of a nation in war and peacetime. Mahan begins with a discussion of the elements he considers to be the key to a nation's success

on the seas. He theorizes that a ground force could not sustain the pressure of a naval blockade. Mahan then applies his principles to wars of the past. He analyzes the use of a navy in various engagements and considers the resulting influence on the outcome of the wars. The book was readily accepted by commanders and tacticians all over the world and his principles and theories were utilized throughout the 20th century. His arguments, along with technological advances, were influential in the strengthening of the United States Navy. Presently, Mahan's work is considered the most important work on naval strategy in history.

Issues of Westward Expansion Oct 03 2022 Speeches, letters, editorials, and first-person accounts provide different views on the issues of Western expansion, including Lewis and Clark's expedition, the Homestead Act, and the Battle of Little Big Horn.

Settling the West Aug 28 2019 Presents the stories of the pioneers, miners, ranchers, and outlaws who headed out West in the 1860s

Six Years on the Border Dec 01 2019 *Which Way to the Wild West?* Dec 25 2021 Presents the greatest adventures of America's Westward expansion, from the Louisiana Purchase and the gold rush to the Indian wars and life of the cowboy, as well as the everyday happenings that defined living on the frontier.

Westward Movement Sep 02 2022 Encourage students to take an in-depth view of the people and events of specific eras of American history. Nonfiction reading comprehension is emphasized along with research, writing, critical thinking, working with maps, and more. Most titles include a Readers Theater.

The Best Land Under Heaven: The Donner Party in the Age of Manifest Destiny Jan 26 2022 "A book so gripping it can scarcely be put down. . . . Superb."— New York Times Book Review "WESTWARD HO! FOR OREGON AND CALIFORNIA!" In the eerily warm spring of 1846, George Donner placed this advertisement in a local newspaper as he and a restless caravan prepared for what they hoped would be the most rewarding journey of a lifetime. But in eagerly pursuing what would a century later become known as the "American dream," this optimistic-yet-motley crew of emigrants was met with a chilling nightmare; in the following months, their jingoistic excitement would be replaced by desperate cries for help that would fall silent in the deadly snow-covered mountains of the Sierra Nevada. We know these early pioneers as the Donner Party, a name that has elicited horror since the late 1840s. With *The Best Land Under Heaven*, Wallis has penned what critics agree is "destined to become the standard account" (Washington Post) of the notorious saga. Cutting through 160 years of myth-making, the "expert storyteller" (True West) compellingly recounts how the unlikely band of early pioneers met their fate. Interweaving information from hundreds of newly uncovered documents, Wallis illuminates how a combination of greed and recklessness led to one of America's most calamitous and sensationalized catastrophes. The result is a "fascinating, horrifying, and inspiring" (Oklahoman) examination of the darkest side of Manifest Destiny.

John Sutter Jan 14 2021 Re-examines the life of

John Sutter in the context of America's rush for westward expansion in a fully documented account of the Swiss expatriate and would-be empire builder and his times.

U.S. History Aug 09 2020 Published by OpenStax College, U.S. History covers the breadth of the chronological history of the United States and also provides the necessary depth to ensure the course is manageable for instructors and students alike. U.S. History is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of most courses. The authors introduce key forces and major developments that together form the American experience, with particular attention paid to considering issues of race, class and gender. The text provides a balanced approach to U.S. history, considering the people, events and ideas that have shaped the United States from both the top down (politics, economics, diplomacy) and bottom up (eyewitness accounts, lived experience).

The Railroad Fuels Westward Expansion (1870s) Sep 21 2021 There was once a time when the idea of a transcontinental railroad was considered foolish—a waste of time and resources. After all, what use was a railroad through the desolate regions of western America? However, as the United States began to expand and more and more settlers made their way west by horseback or covered wagon, the concept of a railroad spanning the country made more and more sense. Finally, in the midst of an epic civil war, President Abraham Lincoln signed the law that called for the building of a transcontinental railroad. There were many obstacles for the railroad builders to overcome. Harsh weather, mountains, hostile attacks, and even a lack of manpower were just some of the problems that had to be overcome. However, eventually the railroad builders triumphed, and finally train whistles could be heard echoing over the once quiet landscape of the western United States.

Notes of the Mexican War, 1846-1848 May 30 2022 In December 1846, John Jacob Oswandel—or Jake as he was often called—enlisted in the Monroe Guards, which later became Company C of the First Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment. Thus began a twenty-month journey that led Oswandel from rural Pennsylvania through the American South, onward to the siege of Veracruz, and finally deep into the heart of Mexico. Waging war with Mexico ultimately realized President James K. Polk's long-term goal of westward expansion all the way to the Pacific Ocean. For General Winfield Scott, the victorious Mexico City campaign would prove his crowning achievement in a fifty-three-year military career, but for Oswandel the "grand adventure of our lives" was about patriotism and honor in a war that turned this twenty-something bowsman into a soldier. *Notes of the Mexican War, 1846-1848*, is the quintessential primary source on the Mexican War. From Oswandel's time of enlistment in Pennsylvania to his discharge in July of 1848, he kept a daily record of events, often with the perception and intuition worthy of a highly ranked officer. In addition to Oswandel's engaging narrative, Timothy D. Johnson and Nathaniel Cheairs Hughes, Jr. provide an introduction that places Oswandel's memoir within present-day scholarship. They illuminate the mindset of

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Oswandel and his comrades, who viewed the war with Mexico in terms of Manifest Destiny and they give insight into Oswandel's historically common belief in Anglo-Saxon superiority—views that would bring about far worse consequences at the outbreak of the American Civil War a dozen years later. As historians continue to highlight the controversial actions of the Polk administration and the expansionist impulse that led to the conflict, *Notes of the Mexican War, 1846-1848*, opens a window into the past when typical young men rallied to a cause they believed was just and ordained. Oswandel provides an eyewitness account of an important chapter in America's history. TIMOTHY D. JOHNSON is a professor of history at Lipscomb University. He is coeditor, with Nathaniel Cheairs Hughes, Jr., of *A Fighter from Way Back: The Mexican War Diary of Lt. Daniel Harvey Hill*, and author of *Winfield Scott: The Quest for Military Glory* and *A Gallant Little Army: The Mexico City Campaign*. NATHANIEL CHEAIRS HUGHES, JR. is an independent scholar and the author of over twenty books on American military history, largely pertaining to the American Civil War. His most recent titles are *Brigadier General Tyree H. Bell: Forrest's Fighting Lieutenant* and *Yale's Confederates: A Biographical Dictionary*.

True Women and Westward Expansion Oct 23 2021 Expansion was the fever of the early nineteenth century, and women burned with it as surely as men, although in a different way. Subscribing to the "cult of true womanhood," which valued domesticity, piety, and similar "feminine" virtues, women championed expansion for the cause of civilization, even while largely avoiding the masculine world of politics. Adrienne Caughfield mines the diaries and letters of some ninety Texas women to uncover the ideas and enthusiasms they brought to the Western frontier. Although there were a few notable exceptions, most of them drew on their domestic skills and values to establish not only "civilization," but their own security. Caughfield sheds light on women's activism (the flip side of domesticity), attitudes toward race and "civilization," the tie between a vision of a unified continent and a cultivated wilderness, and republican values. She offers a new understanding of not only gender roles in the West but also the impulse for expansionism itself. In Texas, Caughfield demonstrates, "women never stopped arriving with more fuel for the flames [of expansionism] as their families tried to find a place to settle down, some place with a little more room, where national destiny and personal dreams merged

into a glorious whole." In doing so, Texas women expanded not only American borders, but their own as well.

[A Century of Dishonor](#) Feb 24 2022

Westward Expansion Aug 21 2021 This 8-week interdisciplinary unit for fourth- and fifth-grade students helps children address the U.S. westward expansion in the 1840's using the interactive software program, *The Oregon Trail*. The unit provides connections to literature, geography, computer/mathematics skills, language arts, and research skills. The work is done in cooperative groups over the course of the unit with a variety of assessment strategies suggested. Worksheets, handouts, and student materials are included. Upon completion of the unit students will be able to: (1) locate and identify the states along the Oregon Trail; (2) identify reasons for westward expansion; (3) gain a basic understanding of some of the native North American culture; (4) participate in collaborative group activities; and (5) demonstrate knowledge of life in the 1840s-- food, clothing, families, etc. Selected bibliography contains 32 items. (EH)

[Thomas Jefferson](#) Jun 18 2021 This biography of one of America's greatest political figures focuses on Thomas Jefferson's role as a maker of foreign policy. Although he was not the sole formulator of American diplomacy, Jefferson's voice was the most pervasive in the first generation of the republic's history. This text explores how the concept of the United States' westward expansion worked as the moving force in forming Jefferson's judgments and actions in foreign relations. Although much has been written about Jefferson, this volume is one of the few that explores the full range of his positions on foreign relations. Readable and authoritative, *Thomas Jefferson: Westward the Course of Empire* offers new insight into the man who shaped American foreign policy.

[Manifest Destinies](#) Apr 04 2020 Watch the Author Interview on KNME In both the historic record and the popular imagination, the story of nineteenth-century westward expansion in America has been characterized by notions of annexation rather than colonialism, of opening rather than conquering, and of settling unpopulated lands rather than displacing existing populations. Using the territory that is now New Mexico as a case study, *Manifest Destinies* traces the origins of Mexican Americans as a racial group in the United States, paying particular attention to shifting meanings of race and law in the nineteenth century. Laura E. Gómez explores the central paradox of Mexican American racial status as

entailing the law's designation of Mexican Americans as "white" and their simultaneous social position as non-white in American society. She tells a neglected story of conflict, conquest, cooperation, and competition among Mexicans, Indians, and Euro-Americans, the region's three main populations who were the key architects and victims of the laws that dictated what one's race was and how people would be treated by the law according to one's race. Gómez's path breaking work—spanning the disciplines of law, history, and sociology—reveals how the construction of Mexicans as an American racial group proved central to the larger process of restructuring the American racial order from the Mexican War (1846-48) to the early twentieth century. The emphasis on white-over-black relations during this period has obscured the significant role played by the doctrine of Manifest Destiny and the colonization of northern Mexico in the racial subordination of black Americans.

The End of the Myth Jul 28 2019 WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE A new and eye-opening interpretation of the meaning of the frontier, from early westward expansion to Trump's border wall. Ever since this nation's inception, the idea of an open and ever-expanding frontier has been central to American identity. Symbolizing a future of endless promise, it was the foundation of the United States' belief in itself as an exceptional nation - democratic, individualistic, forward-looking. Today, though, America has a new symbol: the border wall. In *The End of the Myth*, acclaimed historian Greg Grandin explores the meaning of the frontier throughout the full sweep of U.S. history - from the American Revolution to the War of 1898, the New Deal to the election of 2016. For centuries, he shows, America's constant expansion - fighting wars and opening markets - served as a "gate of escape," helping to deflect domestic political and economic conflicts outward. But this deflection meant that the country's problems, from racism to inequality, were never confronted directly. And now, the combined catastrophe of the 2008 financial meltdown and our unwinnable wars in the Middle East have slammed this gate shut, bringing political passions that had long been directed elsewhere back home. It is this new reality, Grandin says, that explains the rise of reactionary populism and racist nationalism, the extreme anger and polarization that catapulted Trump to the presidency. The border wall may or may not be built, but it will survive as a rallying point, an allegorical tombstone marking the end of American exceptionalism.