

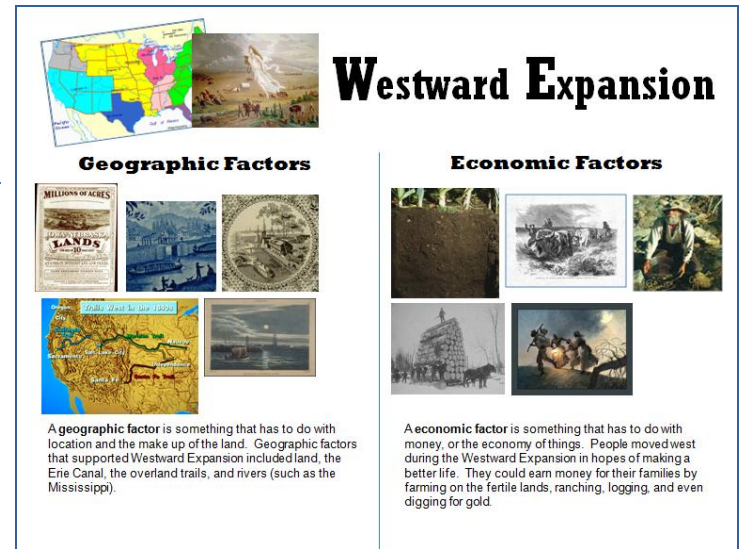
T-Chart

Geographic and Economic Factors

In this simple activity, students **classify representative pictures** for the Western Expansion by either geographic or economic factors.

Important: Don't forget to have students write a paragraph for each factor, putting the information into their own words.

Additionally, have students write a single paragraph that brings together information both types of factors – geographic and economic, as well as the visuals at the top (i.e., map and Manifest Destiny symbol).



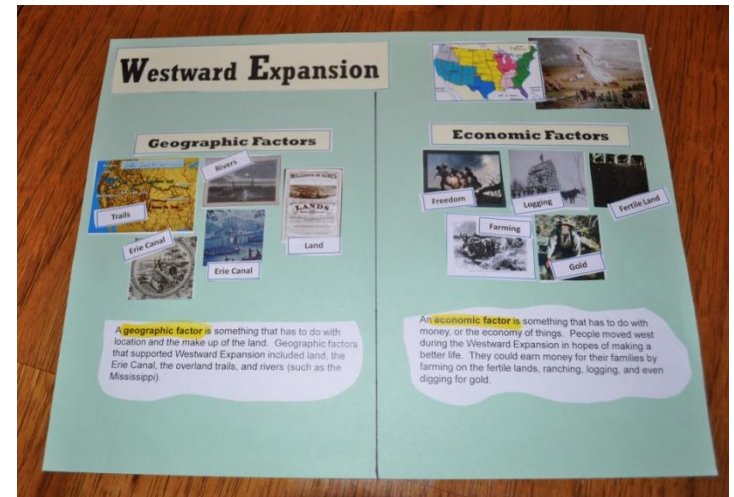
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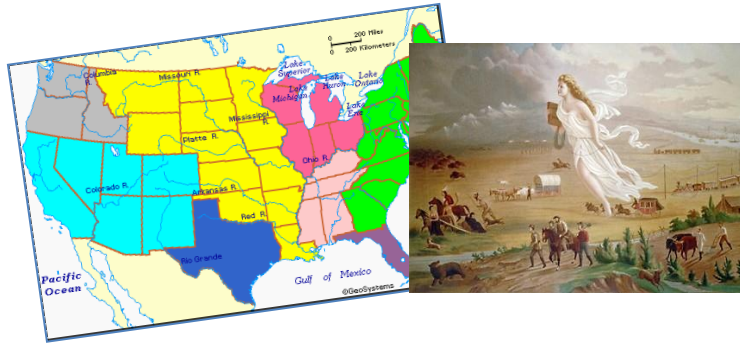
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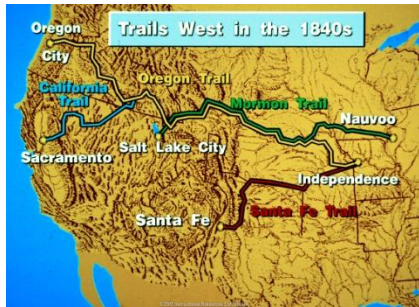
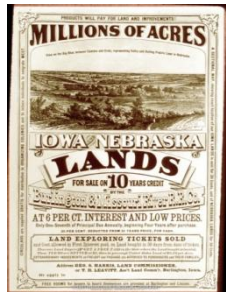
Have students cut and paste the component parts into a t-chart. Have them use a piece of colored paper to help make the content stand out.

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Basic content for the t-chart.

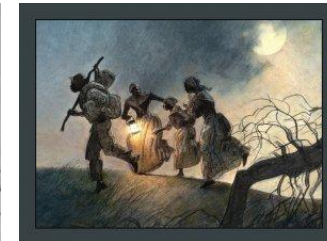


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Why Pioneers Moved to the West – T Chart (Student Sheet)

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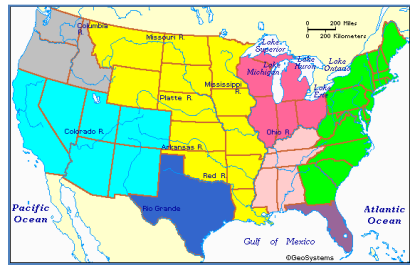
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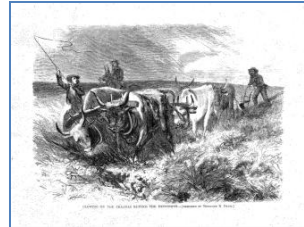
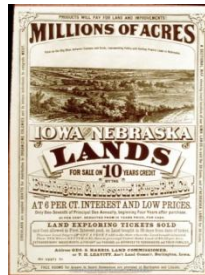
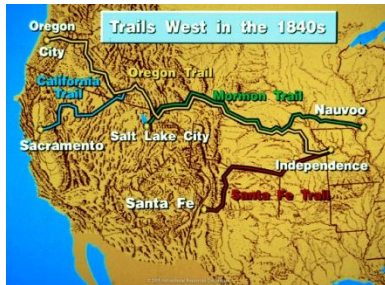
What to do: Cut the visuals from this page, including the labels, and use them to construct a T-Chart. On the left side of the chart, place Geographic Factors. On the right side of the chart, place Economic Factors. After you place the factors, write a short paragraph that summarizes the information about each factor.



Logging	Gold	Farming	Trails
Rivers	Erie Canal	Freedom	
Land	Erie Canal	Fertile Land	

Economic Factors

Geographic Factors



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