

# Creative Thinking Menu 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Westward Expansion

Directions: Choose 2-3 activities per week to complete. Lightly color in the box that you are completing from each category. Do your work on notebook paper. Be sure to include your name and creative process at the top of each sheet.

| Fluency   | Flexibility   | Originality   | Elaboration   |
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| 1. Make a long list of things that are gold (and not just the color).   | 1. Find as many ways as you can that these words are alike:<br><i>Choices Danger Journey</i>  | 1. Create a board game to teach about the various trails people took on their journey west.   | 1. Watch the movie <i>7 Alone</i> , <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXktNoBu9WM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXktNoBu9WM</a><br>What would the movie be like if they had modern medicine? Rewrite the plot including modern medicine like hospitals, doctors and medicine. |
| 2. How many things would you think humans would be willing to travel to the unknown for? Money? Health? Land? List as many as you can think of. | 2. How would planning for a trip in the early 1800s have been the same as planning today?   | 2. After researching the painting "American Progress" by John Gast, create your own modern version of this painting to demonstrate the progress we make today.  | 2. Pretend you are the first transcontinental railroad-necessary for American growth but damaging to Native Americans. Tell how you feel. Be elaborate in your writing.   |
| 3. Make a long list of the many challenges the pioneers faced on their journey west.  | 3. If the answer is "Cowboy", what could be the question? See how many different questions you can think of that could be answered with "Cowboy". | 3. Create a conversation between a buffalo and an ox pulling a wagon. Be sure to include 5 questions they ask each other.   | 3. Draw train tracks on your paper. Add details to make it into something different. Be sure to add a creative title.   |
| 4. How many words can you make using the letters from the word CONESTOGA? You can only use the letters given.                                   | 4. If there were no more band-aids in the world, what else could we use for wounds?   | 4. 1. Watch the movie <i>7 Alone</i> , <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXktNoBu9WM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXktNoBu9WM</a><br>If you were going to add another character to the movie, who would you add? | 4. Draw a picture to represent this quote: "Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." -T.S. Eliot   |
| 5. How many different ways can you use an iron frying pan?  | 5. How is the Panama Canal like a banana split?   | 5. Create a westward expansion amusement park. Include rides, food, souvenirs, mascots, and other interactive features for visitors.  | 5. Print the words MANIFEST DESTINY. Add details to make it into an interesting picture that represents key ideas of Westward Expansion.  |