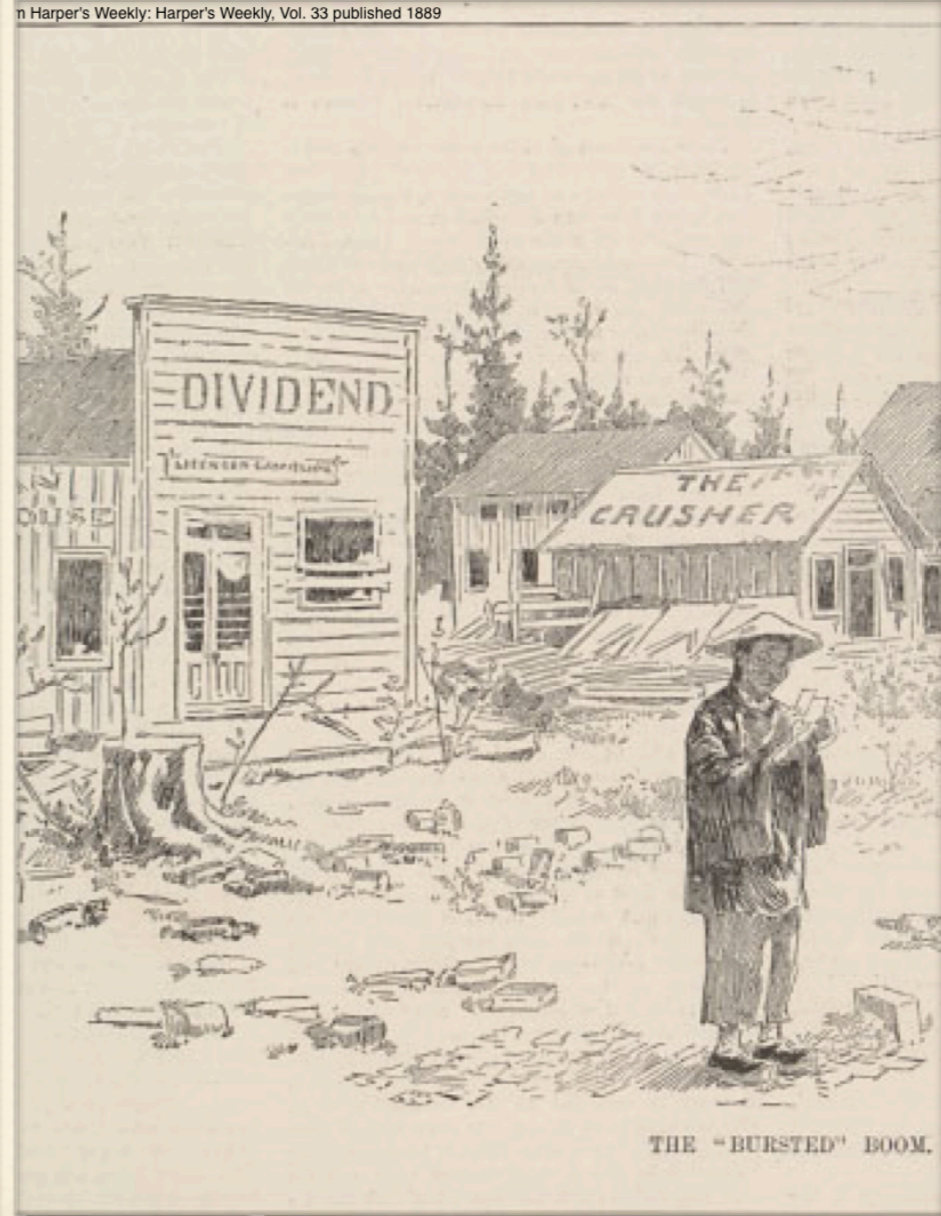


HOW DOES EACH PERSON IN OUR SOCIETY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

IN THIS UNIT, 6TH GRADERS WILL TAKE ON THE IDENTITY OF AN IMMIGRANT TRAVELING TO THE WESTERN FRONTIER IN THE 1800'S. YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT GLOBAL POPULATION TRENDS, HOW THEY DROVE YOU TO THE OUT WEST AND HOW YOU CAN IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH DESIGNING SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES.

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THE "BURSTED" BOOM.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Part I- An Immigrant's Story and Invention

You will assume the role of an immigrant from Europe, Asia or the original 13 colonies and share your immigration story. You immigrated in the 1800's as part of the US' Westward Expansion. Your story will include at least four journal entries, one photograph/ illustration and a detailed design of an environmentally sustainable tool, method or policy used in their new western home. Journals can take the form of written entries, illustrations, a photo scrapbook or a combination of all media forms.

Your journals need to include:

1. Conditions in your homeland which led you to emigrate
2. Why you choose to explore the western frontier
3. Map of your journey west identifying the transportation used to arrive to your new home

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Part II - Letter from the future

After your journal is complete, you will then share your story and design with a classmate. The classmate will write a letter to the immigrant “from the future”. Their letter will compare today’s immigrant experience with the experience of the immigrant from the 1800’s.

Your letter from the future needs to include;

1. Reasons people choose to immigrate to the US today
2. Treatment of immigrants today in the US
3. Sustainability measures in place today

IF AMERICA WAS A VILLAGE- WHO ARE WE?

- US Population today is _____
- The number of foreign born people in the US is: _____
- The top two languages are _____ and _____ number of people speak _____ and _____ number of people speak _____.

IF AMERICA WAS A VILLAGE- WHERE DO WE COME FROM?

- US Population today is _____
- The number of people with;
 - Germany ancestry _____
 - Irish ancestry _____
 - African ancestry _____

IF AMERICA WAS A VILLAGE- WHERE DO WE LIVE?

- US Population today is _____
- The number of people who live in;
 - the city _____
 - the country _____

IF AMERICA WAS A VILLAGE- WHAT DO WE USE?

- US Population today is _____
- Each day, one American uses;
 - _____ plastic cups
 - _____ paper cups
 - _____ sheets of paper

WHY DO PEOPLE IMMIGRATE TODAY?

Speaker #1

Speaker #2

HOW ARE IMMIGRANTS TREATED IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY?

Speaker #1

Speaker #2

WESTWARD EXPANSION

IMMIGRANTS

where did they immigrate from?					
why did they leave their country of origin?					
why did they chose to explore out west?					
what resources were in need in their country of origin?					
how did they travel to the west?					
what did they find when they arrived to the west>					
how were they treated by other Americans?					

GETTING STARTED

- I am an immigrant from _____
- I immigrated in the year _____
- I left my homeland because _____
- When I arrived to the US, I lived _____
- My job was _____
- Life in the US was very _____