

Mini Lesson: Moving West, It's Our Destiny

Grade Level: 8

Curriculum Topic: Westward Expansion

Tools: Plickers and Cue

Lesson Synopsis: I will give a presentation on westward expansion, focusing on its hardships and effects on the groups involved (U.S., Native Americans). During the lesson, I will use Plickers to assess the students individually as I progress through the lesson. The assessments will be given as review questions and predictions. The students will do these individually, but we will see the prediction questions' data before moving on. As an interactive application of learning to navigate, students will program Cue the robot to navigate his way through an obstacle course and interact with objects and obstacles along the way. Students will write the code for Cue in groups of four, with each member sharing responsibility for input.