

The West

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- the regions, landforms, bodies of water, climate, and resources of the West
- where and how people live in the West

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Chapter 9: Exploring the West

Jobs and industry The economy of the West has strengths and weaknesses. Discuss with your child some types of jobs found only where you live. Do these jobs require skilled or unskilled workers or both? What do these workers produce? Are any of the industries the same as those in the West?

Chapter 10: Living in the West

Cultural influences Spanish and European settlers influenced many areas of the West. Discuss with your child the cultures that can be found where you live. Describe three of these cultural influences and how they may have affected the architecture, language, and food of your area. Which of your region's influences are similar to the influences of the West?

Make It

A weather chart The weather impacts how people live and work. Working together, use a newspaper and chart the temperature and weather conditions of your city and three other cities in your area for three days. How are the temperatures similar or different? How does the weather affect how people live and work?

Read to Learn More About It

Everyone Wears His Name: A Biography of Levi Strauss, by Sondra Henry and Emily Taitz. The story of Levi Strauss: how an 18-year-old immigrant peddler became the founder of a blue jeans empire.

The Incredible Journey of Lewis and Clark, by Rhoda Blumberg. The trip from west of the Mississippi to the Pacific Ocean conducted by Lewis and Clark.

L'Chaim: The Story of a Russian Émigré Boy, by Tricia Brown. Young Zev tells the story of his family's migration from the Ukraine to San Francisco.



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