



# The American West

**YOUR ASSIGNMENT:** Write a week's worth of diary entries from the point of view of a teenager growing up on the American frontier.

**RESEARCH:** Conduct research about what life was like in the American West between 1840 and 1890. Is there one particular aspect of life during that time period that interests you? What is it? Conduct further research on this topic.

**CONTENT:** Your diary entries should cover one week's worth of time and include the following information:

- What year it is
- Where you live and who you live with
- Your normal daily activities
- Your biggest worry or fear
- A significant event that has recently occurred or is occurring at that time
- What news you are hearing around you and from what sources
- Opinions that the people in your life are expressing about the significant event/news
- Any other interesting facts you may want to share

**FORMAT:** Use a diary format. Be sure to include a date and edit the body of your text.

**SOURCES:** Lists at least three credible sources that you used to do research prior to writing your diary.