The prosperity and the pride of the Californios is evident in this painting of a Spanish landowner with his workers.

Reasons they moved to the West
- Spanish priests went to establish missions.
- Other Spanish settlers wanted to find land for settlement.

Hardships they faced
- Neighbors lived so far apart that loneliness was a daily problem.
- Government officials were unskilled and dishonest.

Legacies they left
- The Californios gave us Spanish names for California cities.
- They brought new crops, such as grapes, olives, and citrus.
- They opened California to the world.
Mountain Men

Mountain men, like the one pictured here, were rugged individualists. They often wore shirts and trousers made from animal hides and had hair that hung to their shoulders. The Granger Collection, New York

Reasons they moved to the West
• The trappers went to search for furs.

Hardships they faced
• The mountain men feared attack by fur thieves, Indians, wolves, and bears.
• Death from accident or disease was a hazard of the profession.

Legacies they left
• The mountain men explored the West.
• Their routes became the Oregon and California Trails.
• Their trading posts became supply stations for settlers.
• Their personal journals make entertaining reading.
The Missionaries

In 1836, Marcus and Narcissa Whitman married and set out for Oregon to establish a mission. Here, they are offering prayers for a safe journey.

Reasons they moved to the West
• The missionaries intended to convert Native Americans to Christianity.
• They also wanted to help settle the country and establish churches.

Hardships they faced
• Crossing the steep Rocky Mountains in wagons was difficult.
• Hostile Indian warriors sometimes attacked them.

Legacies they left
• These settlers brought disease and death to many Native Americans.
• They opened the West to settlement.
The Pioneer Women

Reasons they moved to the West
• Women moved west to find new opportunities, such as establishing homesteads and finding husbands.

Hardships they faced
• Leaving the comforts of home and leaving treasured items along the trail was emotionally difficult.
• Cooking, washing clothes, and caring for children while traveling 15 to 20 miles a day was grueling work.
• Disease and accidents killed their loved ones.
• Along the trail, they suffered from cold and thirst.

Legacies they left
• Women brought schools, churches, libraries, literary societies, and charitable groups to the rugged west.
• They fought for and won the right for women to vote in the West.
The Mormons

Reasons they moved to the West
• The Mormons moved west to escape persecution back east.

Hardships they faced
• Their road was a difficult journey with many deaths.
• Life in a dry, barren land was difficult for these farmers.

Legacies they left
• Mormons were the first pioneers to settle in the Great Basin.
• They pioneered farming methods such as dams, canals, and irrigation ditches.
• They helped other settlers make their way west.
• In Utah, they established a center for what is now a worldwide religion.
The Forty-Niners

Reasons they moved to the West
• *The forty-niners hurried west to find gold.*

Hardships they faced
• *They had a difficult journey to California, by either land or sea.*
• *High prices made it hard to get ahead.*
• *There were no police to keep order, so camps were rough and dangerous.*
• *Gold mining was hard, tedious work.*

Legacies they left
• *Warfare and disease reduced the Native American population.*
• *Many Californios lost their land to these newcomers.*
• *Their arrival increased the population of California so that it could become a state.*
The Chinese

Reasons they moved to the West
• *The Chinese migrated across the Pacific to find gold and riches.*

Hardships they faced
• *Laws taxing foreign miners drove these Chinese out of the gold camps.*
• *Chinese immigrants suffered persecution by Americans.*

Legacies they left
• *The Chinese helped develop agriculture in California.*
• *They brought their culture to the West.*