**Westward Expansion**

What is cultural assimilation?

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Please give me TWO historical facts that support the idea that the Native Americans were expected to assimilate.

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What is ONE population of people in modern America that you believe are expected to assimilate? What is one example of how this is happening?

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Please choose ONE of the following essential questions to answer. There is no wrong or right answer to these questions. However, I expect your answers to be thoughtful and your reasoning explained, and that is what you will be graded on.

*When is it acceptable for a population to expand into another’s land?*

*To what extent should a minority population be expected to assimilate?*

*Should the government be allowed to intervene in cultural identity?*

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**Gilded Age**

What was the Gilded Age?

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Please give me TWO historical facts that support the idea that around the year 1900 (what we have been studying) America was “gilded”.

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Identify a “gilded” aspect of modern America (something today that looks nice on the outside but is not nice when you start looking at how it works from the inside)

Your example: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How does it look to outsiders? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How does it look to those on the inside? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Does this aspect of society have to look like this in order to function? Why or why not?

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What is nativism?

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Who were the nativists in the Gilded Age?

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Are there nativists in modern America? What do they want and why do you believe they think this way?

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Please choose ONE of the following essential questions to answer. There is no wrong or right answer to these questions. However, I expect your answers to be thoughtful and your reasoning explained, and that is what you will be graded on.

*Should human settlement continue to urbanize?*

*Is new technology always better than that which it replaces?*

*What should human progress look like?*

*What motivates or accelerates technological advances?*

*Is it necessary for one’s government to interfere with the economy?*

*To what extent should a country restrict immigration?*

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