

Preview: Journal Response

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Discuss each quote with a partner. Then write a one-paragraph response to each quote that addresses the following:

- 1) What feelings about westward expansion are expressed in this quote?
- 2) What clue(s) about the future does this quote provide?
- 3) Based on this quote, what might you gain or lose by moving to the west?

How did people of the time feel about westward expansion? They can tell you in their own words. The following are viewpoints on westward expansion:

"Our population is rolling toward the shores of the Pacific...It will soon...reach the Rocky Mountains and be ready to pour in the Oregon Territory."

John C. Calhoun, South Carolina Senator

"We traveled 'till 11 o'clock with the hope of finding water for the weary cattle. The sun was excessively oppressive."

Susan Shelby Magoffin, New Mexico Pioneer

"The white man comes and cuts down the trees, building houses and fences and the buffaloes get frightened and leave and never come back, and the Indians are left to starve."

Muguara, Chief of the Penateka Comanche Indians