

# American West Essay

***"The American West was a story of progress." To what extent do you agree? Explain your answer using details from sources and your knowledge. (20pts)***

## **Level 6 (15 marks)**

Balanced two-sided response based on detailed source content, contextual knowledge and evaluation, with a supported and developed overall judgment.

- Sophisticated analysis of source content from both sides of the argument
- Supporting knowledge to expand upon source content.
- Evaluation of authorship—detects bias and *reasons* for it.
- Formulates a reasoned conclusion.

## **Level 5 (12–14 marks)**

Balanced two-sided response supporting and rejecting the statement based on good source content, contextual knowledge and evaluation, with a supported overall judgment.

- More developed discussion of L4 content, knowledge and evaluation.
- Formulates a conclusion.

## **Level 4 (9–11 marks)**

Two-sided response supporting and rejecting the statement based on source content with either contextual knowledge or evaluation.

- The sources offer a mixed set of viewpoints.
- Some of the sources confirm main point .
- Some sources comment on the positives.
- Many of the sources offer viewpoints such as ...

## **Level 3 (6–8 marks)**

Strong one-sided response either supporting or rejecting the statement based on source content with some weak contextual knowledge and/or evaluation; or Weak two-sided response supporting and rejecting the statement based on the source content.

- Some sources describe specific ...
- Some sources are underdeveloped.

**Level 2 (3–5 marks)**

One-sided response either supporting or rejecting the statement based on weak source content.

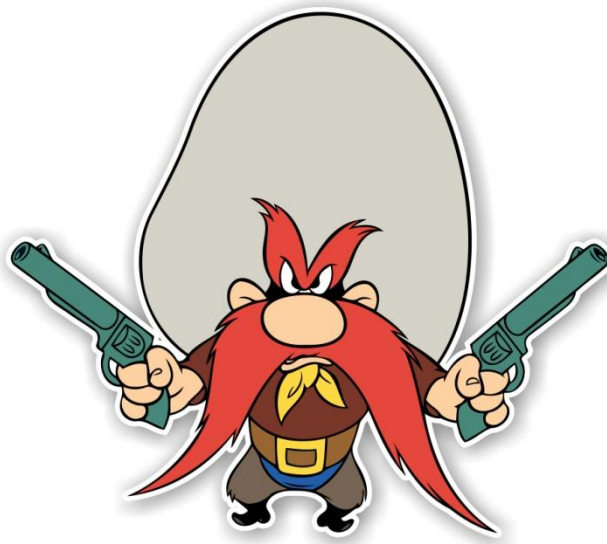
- Several of the sources comment that ...
- Several of the sources disagree and ...

**Level 1 (1–2 marks)**

Generalized comments with no/little support from the sources.

**Level 0 (0 marks)**

No valid response.



## Writing Requirements (5pts)

The Coursework must be typed:

Times New Roman font

Font size 11-12

1 inch margins left, right, top, and bottom

No more than 600 words

Requires cover page, footnotes, and bibliography. (Chicago Style Citation)