Selling the American West: Strategies and Rhetoric of Illusion

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Getting Started

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1. **Use Reference Sources [4] to jumpstart your research, to get ideas, search terms, context, and more.**
2. **Find Books, Journal Titles and Media in Stanford's Online Catalog, SearchWorks. [5]**
3. **Find Articles in Selected Databases.** [6]

> *Note: Stanford subscribes to over 1000 Databases [7] that index articles and books on various topics. Since there are so many databases we recommend a select subset of databases [6] which will give you access to articles in a wide variety of subject areas.*

4. **Find Resources on your Course Theme.** Click the link(s) below.

- American West Resources [8]

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Suggested Reference Materials:

- Cowboy encyclopedia [13]. (HASRC = Lane Room)
- Encyclopedia of activism and social justice [14]. 3 vols. (SSRC)
- Encyclopedia of the American West [15]. 4 vols. (IC)
- Encyclopedia of westerns [16]. (HASRC)
- Encyclopedia of women in the American west [17]. (IC)

Suggested subject words:

- American literature West [18] (U.S.)
- Caricatures and cartoons
- Frontier and pioneer life [19]
- Personal narratives (=memoirs, autobiographies)
- Pictorial works (=illustrations, images)
- Pioneers + correspondence, diaries
- United States Territorial expansion History 19th century [20]

Suggested books in different call number ranges:

- Basson, Lauren L. White enough to be American?: race mixing, indigenous people, and the boundaries of state and nation [21] E99 .M693 B37 2008.
- The Black Panther Party: service to the people programs [22]. HV3185 .O35 B55 2008
- Brands, H.W. The age of gold [electronic resource]: the California Gold Rush: the new American dream [23]. 2003.
- Dashing Diamond Dick and other classic dime novels [24]. PS648 .D55 D37 2007
- Horsman, Reginald. Feast or famine: food and drink in American westward expansion [25]. TX715.2 .W47 H67
- "This land was Mexican once": histories of resistance from Northern California [26]. F868 .N2 H45 2007, also online [27]
- **Suggested Series:**
  - Lamar series in western history [28]
  - Women in the West [29]

Suggested Journals/E-journals [30]:

- American historical review [31]
- Harper's Weekly [32]
- Pacific historical review [33]
- Reviews in American history [34]

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