

What is the American West?

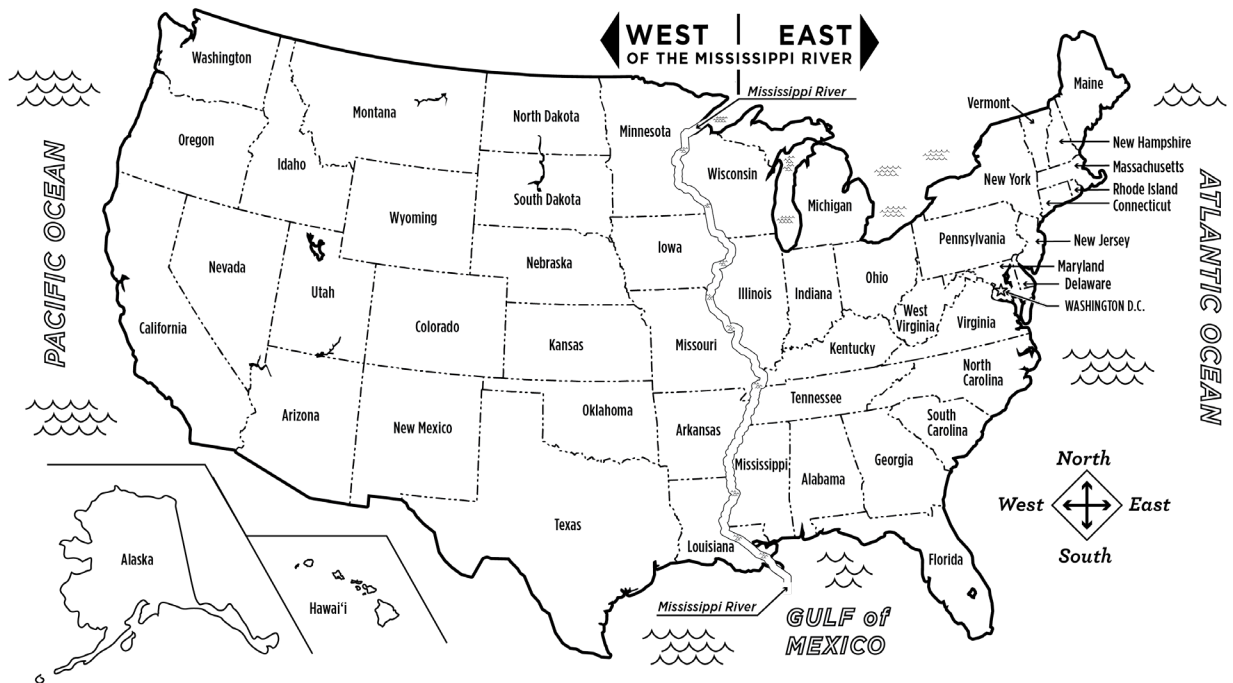
PART 1 - The Autry Museum of the American West is located in Griffith Park in Los Angeles, California. The Autry Museum is a museum about the American West. There are a lot of different opinions about what the American West is.

When you think of the American West, what words, phrases, and images pop into your mind? Write these words, phrases, and images in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

American West Words, Phrases, and Images

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PART 5 – The Autry Museum defines the American West as everything west of the Mississippi River including Hawai'i and Alaska as shown in the map below.



The Autry Museum recognizes that the American West is huge and that it includes lots of different people who have stories to tell. The Autry's *mission* is to bring together the stories of all peoples of the American West, connecting the past with the present to inspire our shared future. The Autry Museum shares as many of these stories as possible through education, *exhibitions*, and programs.

Learn more about the stories the Autry Museum shares by going to the Autry Museum's website at TheAutry.org. Look for and click on **EXHIBITIONS**. Click on the titles of three different exhibitions. Read about the exhibitions and look at the images. Then write at least one new thing that you learned about each of these exhibitions in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Glossary

Exhibitions: displays of artifacts for people to look at in a public place

Mission: goal, objective, or purpose

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PART 6 - After learning more about the American West and the Autry Museum, what words, phrases, and images would you add to the previous list that you created in PART 1? Write these additional words, phrases, and images in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

Additional American West Words, Phrases, and Images

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PART 7 – The Autry Museum tells stories about the different peoples of the American West through artifacts such as documents, objects, and artwork. Artwork can be drawings, paintings, performances, photographs, *sculptures*, and so much more.

Choose one of the American West words, phrases, or images that you wrote about in PARTS 1 or 6. Then create a drawing, painting, performance, photograph, or sculpture that tells a story about the American West word, phrase, or image you selected. Plan your artwork before creating it by writing your answers to the questions in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

QUESTIONS	ANSWER EXAMPLES	ARTWORK PLAN
Which American West word, phrase, or image did you select?	Choose one American West word, phrase, or image from PARTS 1 or 6.	
What type of artwork will you create?	Drawing Painting Performance Photograph Sculpture Other	
What materials will you use to create your artwork?	Camera Colored Pencils Costumes Crayons Markers Music Paint Paper Pens Pencils Props (Objects used in a performance.) Other: Cotton balls, paper towel rolls, popsicle sticks, etc.	
What story will your artwork tell about the American West word, phrase, or image you selected? What will your artwork <i>represent</i> ?	You can tell a story about your American West word, phrase, or image by showing one or more of the following in your artwork: Animals Land People Plants Types of Water Other	

Glossary

Represent: serve as a sign or symbol

Sculptures: three-dimensional works of art made by artists out of materials that are used in interesting ways

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PART 8 – Create your artwork using your Artwork Plan from PART 7. Depending on the type of artwork you are creating, please feel free to use the space below or a separate piece of paper to create your artwork. Include a title for your artwork.

Artwork Title: _____

