

# Westward, Ho!: The Literature of the American West.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This class will explore the literature of the American West, from 1860–2018. We will examine the myths and realities of the “Old West” and the contemporary west via tales, short stories, personal narratives, and novels. Our readings will include fiction from such important Western writers as Stephen Crane, Mark Twain, Jack London, Zane Grey, Willa Cather, Larry McMurtry, and Cormac McCarthy.

We’ll investigate the images and themes of the West in the American imagination: outlaws, pioneers, lone cowboys, heroes, environmental conquest.

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time 11:30-12:30 MWF

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