

Standard GH 2.2:

Use concepts such as time, chronology, causality, change, conflict, and complexity to explain connections and patterns of historical change and continuity.

Performance Task: Short Essay

In one or more complete paragraphs, explain the idea of Manifest Destiny and how it helped encourage westward expansion of the United States in the period between the Revolutionary War and the Civil War.

Level 4

Produce an essay free from factual error, in which all claims are supported by evidence. It should:

- Exceed 1 paragraph in length
- Give a clear definition
- Give multiple examples from US history
- Clearly explain how ideas caused new settlement patterns and/ or growth

Level 3

Produce an essay that is free from factual errors and contains some claims supported by evidence. The essay should:

- Be at least 1 paragraph in length
- Give a definition of Manifest Destiny
- Give examples from US history
- Explain how ideas caused growth

Level 2

Produce an essay with few factual errors that contains claims and evidence. The essay should:

- Be multiple sentences in length
- Mention Manifest Destiny
- Give examples from US history
- Explain how ideas caused growth

Level 1

Produce an essay that contains claims and evidence. The essay should:

- Be more than 1 sentence in length
- Mention Manifest Destiny
- Mention ideas or events from US history related to growth