**Intro Paragraph**

--Main Idea Statement: *Choose one*—

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--explanation of Manifest Destiny

--reasons people moved west/why countries expand

--challenges faced by settlers

--What’s your most important cost or benefit?

**Paragraph 2: Costs**

--Topic sentence

--Four sentences explaining COSTS of expansion, using four different costs.

**Paragraph 3: Benefits**

--Topic sentence

--Four sentences explaining BENEFITS of expansion.

**Paragraph 4: Comparison**

Why do you think that (COSTS/BENEFITS) outweigh the (BENEFITS/COSTS)?

--Topic sentence

--You need a LOGOS (facts/data that back up your conclusion), a PATHOS (emotional appeal), and an ETHOS (Sources used—see front board) argument in this paragraph.

--I suggest picking the two strongest arguments for your position on costs/benefits and supporting those arguments through the rhetorical triangle.

--Five sentences total.

**Paragraph 5: Conclusion**

--Restate main idea statement

--How did the expansion of the USA affect us today? *Possible topics:*

--What land do we have? Be specific.

--What resources do we have? How has that affected the USA’s wealth?

--What people/cultures are part of the USA today?

--Does some of our racism today come from this period? Be specific.

--Where are Indians today?