# Chapter 21 – Progressivism

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**Directions**: Follow each prompt. You will read a selection and/or view an image/document. Answer each question thoroughly. {*Instructors: insert specific directions such as word count, response type, submission format, etc.*}



Image 1: “Westward The Course of Empire Takes It’s Way” by Emanuel Luetze. Copyright 1861, Smithsonian. Source link: <https://americanart.si.edu/>. Public Domain.

1. **BACKGROUND**
   1. **Read:** [**https://openstax.org/books/us-history/pages/17-1-the-westward-spirit**](https://openstax.org/books/us-history/pages/17-1-the-westward-spirit)in the *OpenStax US History* textbook.
   2. **Answer:** Based on the reading describe the essence of Manifest Destiny in your own

words.

1. **CONSIDER**
   1. **View:** Look at the image above.
   2. **Answer;** How does the image above reflect your response to part one?
2. **REFLECT**
   1. **Read:** [**https://openstax.org/books/us-history/pages/17-2-homesteading-dreams-and-realities**](https://openstax.org/books/us-history/pages/17-2-homesteading-dreams-and-realities)
   2. **Answer:** What practical challenges did the men and women who moved westward to start their new lives face? What role did these challenges play in creating a unique American mindset?
3. **CONNECT**
4. **Read:** [**https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2016/03/04/donald-trumps-calls-to-make-america-great-again-show-that-american-exceptionalism-is-still-a-powerful-idea/**](https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2016/03/04/donald-trumps-calls-to-make-america-great-again-show-that-american-exceptionalism-is-still-a-powerful-idea/)
5. **Answer:** What is the relationship between the ideal of *American exceptionalism* and Manifest Destiny? Why is the ideal of American Exceptionalism important in presidential politics?