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ENG 102 Course Description

Inquiry into the American Pioneering Spirit

What is it that seems to drive Americans to explore the unexplored? The Lewis and Clark Expedition and the following westward migration are only two examples of this desire to see what is over the next hill or beyond the next mountain. How is that drive toward exploration manifested now? Do we still see it in our culture today? In this course we will explore some of these questions through reading, film, writing, and conversation. At the same time we will be developing research skills such as reading critically, using a variety of research methods, developing a set of research questions, and integrating research effectively into arguments.