

Westward Expansion Academic Vocabulary

Please begin class today by filling out two pink vocab sheets with the following words. Make sure to get the information on this sheet down, and then do as much of the rest of the sheets as you can in class; anything you don't finish will be homework.

Regionalism

Academic Definition: Literature that emphasizes a specific geographic setting and that reproduces the speech, behavior, and attitudes of the people who live in that region.

Satire

Academic Definition: A type of writing that ridicules the shortcomings of people or institutions in an attempt to bring about a change.

Situational irony

Academic Definition: A discrepancy between what is expected to happen/what would be appropriate to happen, and what actually does happen.

Vernacular (related word: dialect)

Academic Definition: The language spoken by the people who live in a particular locality.