Understanding Manifest Destiny

MANIFEST DESTINY was a belief that sparked the nation to grow. It was officially created/coined in the 1840s but its roots date back to the early 1800s. It is defined as a popular and overwhelming belief that expanding the U.S. throughout the continent, from coast to coast, was both justified and inevitable.

***Define Justified and Inevitable:***

What is the significance of these terms?

***How might this attitude or belief both Unite and Divide the nation?***

Using a Chromebook to access Mr. Bittler’s website…Go to the CLASS CALENDAR page…Scroll down and find the **“Manifest Destiny Image”.**

Review the image. Complete the following tasks.

***List 15 OBSERVATIONS from the image:***

*Observation = things you notice*

***List 10 INFERENCES from the image (what it is telling you about Manifest Destiny?):***

*Inference = what might be happening? What story is it telling you?*