KEYWORDS to use in your searches:

- General and background information: westward expansion/inventions/new technologies/westward movement/
- Specific and detailed information: name of invention/history

PORTAL RESOURCES to try:

- For general and background information: World Book Student (browse and skim articles such as Western frontier life in America, Pioneer Life in America, Frontier Life in America)
- For more specific information on a technology: World Book Student, Kids Infobits, Encyclopedia Americana

WEB SITES WORTH THE TRIP

http://www.history.com/ (articles, video etc.)

http://history.howstuffworks.com/29448-assignment-discovery-discovery-american-inventions-of-the-1800s-video.htm Short video overview (Erie Canal, steamboat etc.)

www.about.com (cotton gin etc. articles and videos)


http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/DETOC/transport/fulton.html (Robert Fulton’s steamboat)

https://www.timetoast.com/timelines/inventions-of-the-industrial-revolution-1800-1920 (just check this out for its awesomeness factor)

http://www.american-historama.org/1801-1828-evolution/steamboats-of-1800s.htm (steamboats)

http://www.american-historama.org/1850-1860-secession-era/pony-express.htm (pony express)

http://www.american-historama.org/inventors-timeline.htm (reaper, telegraph)

http://firstindustrialrevolution.weebly.com/index.html (reaper, telegraph, roads for wagons/coaches, steamboats, canals, railroads)