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FRONTIER GALLERY



John Hay
Canyon, 1872
Oil on canvas
18 x 24 in.



John Hay
Stagecoach, 1872
Oil on canvas
18 x 24 in.

Exploring West

The Louisiana Purchase of 1803 accelerated the expansion of the American frontier, nearly doubling the size of the United States. The formation of the Corps of Discovery—Meriwether Lewis and William Clark's famous expedition—soon followed. As the East Coast became more heavily settled with European immigrants, land prospectors gradually pushed westward.

This area of the Frontier Gallery features stunning vistas and early adventures in the West. These paintings tell stories of fur traders, mountain men, and even outlaws. Settlers and that American Indians had called home for centuries. Cultural differences between groups at times resulted in collaborative interactions, but in others deep and lasting conflict. The settlement of the American West came at a devastating cost to Native cultures, which were virtually destroyed by warfare, the U.S. government's broken treaties, and forced assimilation.



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