

SPIRIT OF THE FRONTIER

(John Gast, 1872)



This is one of the most important paintings to help us learn and understand a lot about the American mentality.

1) PICTURE ANALYSIS

Analyse this painting according to the following aspects:

Perspective, lines, symmetry, colors, symbols, foreground-in between-background, light and shadow, proportions

2) INTERPRETATION

Create a connection between your analysis and:

- this picture as a symbol
- mythology
- moral/educational meaning

3) RESEARCH

Go on the internet and find out about „manifest destiny“.

What is the connection of „manifest destiny“ and this painting?