

## FOUR SQUARE DISCUSSION: Manifest Destiny

**Directions:** Read the following statements and rate your level of agreement from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree. Prepare to discuss your answer by writing a brief explanation of your opinion on the lines which follow.

1. The United States has a responsibility to be leaders in the spread of democracy in the entire world.

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For example, \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Although "Manifest Destiny" hurt indigenous populations and Mexican nationals in the Southwest, in the long run it has been a good thing for all involved.

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This is true/false because, \_\_\_\_\_.

3. "...our national birth was the beginning of a new history, the formation and progress of an untried political system, which separates us from the past and connects us with the future only; and so far as regards the entire development of the natural rights of man, in moral, political, and national life, we may confidently assume that our country is destined to be the great nation of futurity." –John O'Sullivan

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Evidence suggests \_\_\_\_\_.

4. "To extend American democracy to the rest of the continent was to place a mantle of legitimacy on what was essentially an insatiable ambition for land...it was villainy clad in the armor of a righteous cause..." Miguel Angel Gonzalez Quiroga

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It is my opinion that \_\_\_\_\_.

5. "[Displacement] had to be done to save these poor Indian people. They don't fit in the East, so we have to move them out beyond the frontier where they can do their Indian thing unmolested. This is the only possible way to save them." R. David Edmunds

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I would argue \_\_\_\_\_.

6. "Manifest Destiny is still a useful idea that helps the United States spread democracy and economic prosperity."

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For instance, \_\_\_\_\_.

