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American Land

Taking an ecological approach, this course explores the diverse connections between America's national development and land environment. The course examines how the United States originated and then expanded to cover a continental land mass. It analyzes how, why and with what consequences major parts of the country's economy--for instance, farming, industry, energy, services and government--have grown. It looks at how and with what results the U. S. has absorbed different ethnic and racial groups. It shows how, why and with what outcomes it has historically conducted its foreign policy and more recently globalized. It offers insights into why its landscapes look and have looked the way they do.