**ESSAY**

**Manifest Destiny, Civil War and Reconstruction**: Was America better for this?

Manifest Destiny, the US Civil War and Reconstruction had many elements and impacts on America. Please write an essay that discusses all of the ideas we covered. In addition, I want you to tell me which event was the most impactful and why. Make sure you include:

* Manifest Destiny- Explain how this idea impacted American’s mentality while they expanded westward.
* US Civil War- Why they fought and what came out of it?
* Reconstruction- What was it and what came out of it?

In your essay, at the end, make sure to argue which one of the three events was the most important for America.

Finally, you are to include resources we used in class, the internet and most importantly, examples from your textbook (at least 2 ideas per concept bulleted above). If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [aparral@lausd.net](mailto:aparral@lausd.net)

Good luck,

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