

**Leading
Idea**

***Opening the frontier demanded
an individual with unique
character.***

Student Text, page 110

- In each epoch of history, the individuals who would open the door to new lands possessed unique character.

Paul was called to move the Gospel to Europe. He was God's man for that epoch of history.

John Wycliffe and William Tyndale were the individuals God used to make the Bible available to the individual in England.

Christopher Columbus was uniquely prepared to sail the vast Western Ocean and open the door to the New World.

The Pilgrims, studying the Word of God, had realized the need for personal,

individual reformation. Recognizing Biblical principles of government relating to their church, they separated from the Church of England. In God's Providence, they arrived at Cape Cod, necessitating their immediate application of Biblical principles in the sphere of civil government. This small band became the seed of a new nation.

And, it would take a unique character to face the dangers of the Western frontier. God prepared Daniel Boone to be the man who would open the frontier for the westward movement in America.

For Reflection and Reasoning

- What would be difficult about exploring the Western frontier?
- What strengths did a man need in order to explore the Western frontier? Reason with the students to compile a list:
 - ▶ Friend to the Indians

- ▶ Protect himself from wild animals
- ▶ Find his own food
- ▶ Take care of himself

This list, or selected points, could be included as Student Notes.

- How would a pathway to the frontier be helpful?

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***God prepared Daniel Boone to
unlock the Western frontier.***

Student Text, pages 110-111

- "He was Quaker-bred . . . A sweeter soul than his we shall not find though we search all the pages of history. Meeting every species of danger, he remained undaunted. Meeting every manner of adversity, he remained unsoured. With every

reason for conceit, he remained unbitten of any personal vanity. To the end of his life it was his belief that he was 'an instrument ordained by Providence to settle the wilderness;' yet he lost no time in posing himself in any supposititious

sainthood. Nor must we imagine him crude or ignorant in his simplicity, for those who knew him best state that he was 'a man of ambition, shrewdness and

energy, as well as of fine social qualities and an extreme sagacity.”⁵¹

Emerson Hough, *The Way to the West*

For Reflection and Reasoning


- When was Washington born? When was Daniel Boone born? How old was Washington when Boone was born?
- Locate Pennsylvania and North Carolina on a map.
- How would Boone's knowing the habits of animals help him to explore the wilderness? Would it help to protect him? How?
- How would you collect furs? What are the Eastern settlements?
- See *Student Activity Page 17-2*. Reasoning from the Student Text, answer the

question, “How was Boone prepared to explore the wilderness?”

God Prepared Boone to Unlock the Western Frontier

How was Boone prepared to explore the wilderness?

Loved outdoors	_____
Watched animals	_____
Listened to animals	_____
Hunted	_____
Fished	_____
Brave	_____
Strong	_____



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Student Text, pages 111-112

• “Previously to his marriage Boone had been a hunter, — what we would now call a professional hunter. He sometimes took hides and furs to the more distant Eastern settlements, and so saw some of the Virginia towns. He was, however, not merely a half-savage woods wanderer, although a past master in all woodcraft. The year before his marriage he was with

the Pennsylvania militia, who fought the Indians along the border after the French had defeated George Washington and his Virginians at Great Meadows. In the fatal Braddock fight Daniel Boone was a wagoner in the baggage train, and barely escaped with his life in the panic flight.”⁵²

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For Reflection and Reasoning

- Review: What was the French and Indian War? What is the militia?
- John Finley spoke of the west. How did this influence Daniel Boone's future?

• Why would Boone enjoy traveling in woods which were full of wild animals?

• What is a log cabin? The students might enjoy building a cabin from Lincoln logs or Legos.