Look at *American Progress* by John Gast*.* Work with a partner and analyze the painting.

**A. Sourcing:** Who created the source? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ When was it created? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
 What type of source is it, primary or secondary? Explain your thinking. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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**B. Observation:** Study the painting for two minutes. Look at the painting as a whole. Break it up into   
 four smaller quadrants. Pay attention to details and colors.

**C. Complete the following chart based on what you see in the painting:**

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| List the People (Groups and  Individuals) |  |
| List the Objects  (What things do you see?) |  |
| List the Animals |  |
| List the Colors |  |
| List the Activities  (What is happening?) |  |

**D. Making Inferences:** Answer the following questions:

1. What represents the eastern and western boundaries?  
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2. What does the “angel” floating in the middle of the painting represent? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. What does the book she is carrying represent? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Everything in the painting is going in which direction? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Look at the colors in the sky. Why are they painted differently? What message did the painter want  
 to convey by painting it this way? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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**E. Critical Thinking:**

1. **Claim:** What claim is the painter making about American progress and manifest destiny?   
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2. **Evidence:** What evidence from the painting supports your claim? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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3. **Reasoning:** Explain how the evidence supports the claim. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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**F. Questions:** Write two questions that you still have about *manifest destiny.*

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