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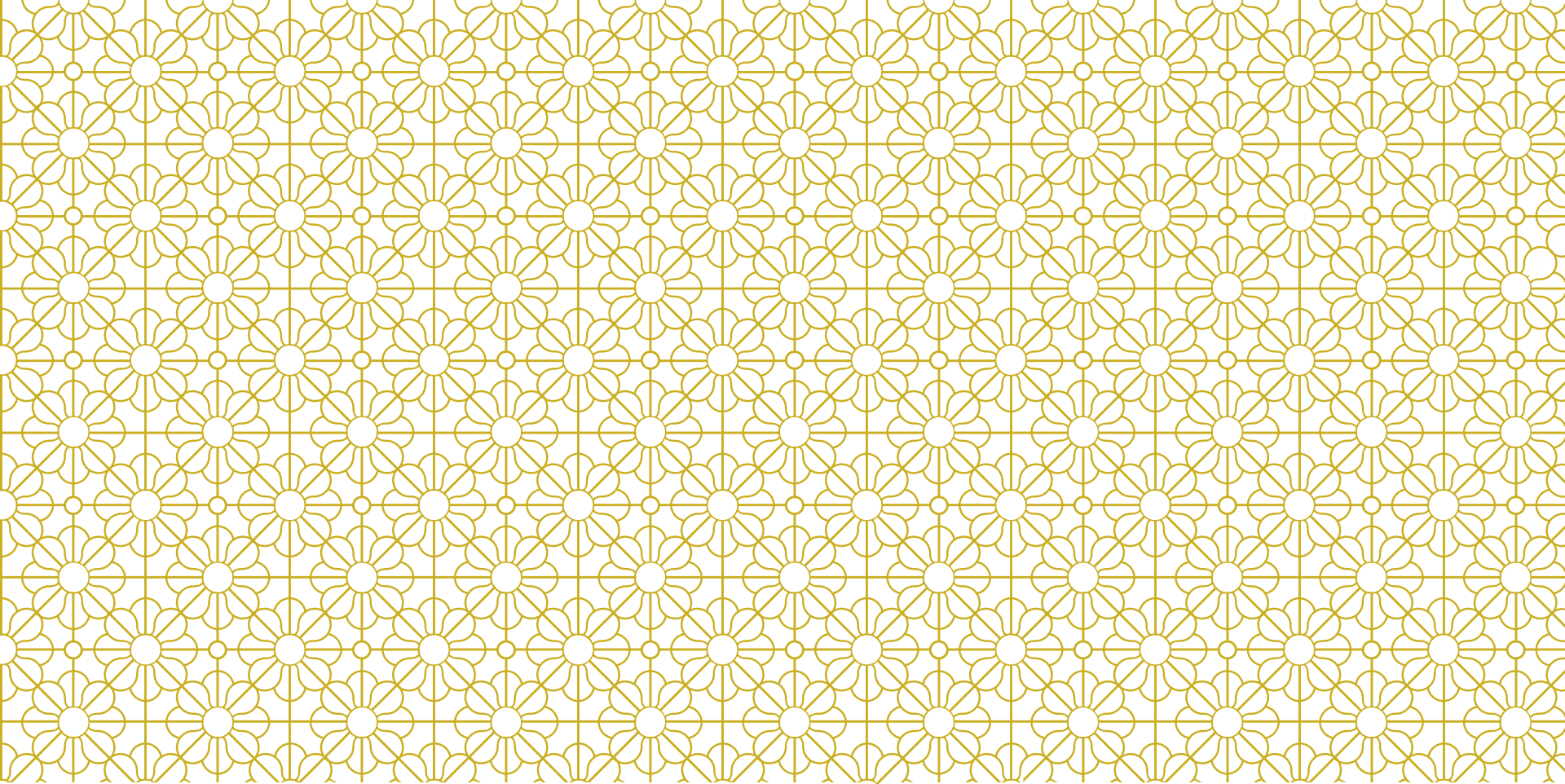
Reading calendar and notes
The West!

Homework: Reading!

THE WEST

The West! The good old West. Let's talk about it today

****The Civil War was fought! Reconstruction was successful in reuniting the United States! But – what about all these new territories!? What about all these new freedmen who can work for money!?*



MYTH OF THE AMERICAN WEST



WARM UP:

In your notes, draw a picture of whatever comes to mind when you think of 'the West'

- Be specific! I'm going to give you four minutes. Draw the WHOLE time.

THE WEST

What did you include?

Why?

What are your preconceived notions about the West? How is the West stereotyped?

THE WEST

Why do we *idealize the American West?**

Historical context: what was just happening in the world?

- Civil War
- Everyone died
- Industrialization is dirty
- *What does the West promise?*

***represent something as perfect or better than in reality**



"American Progress" – John Gast



"For Supremacy" – Charles Russell

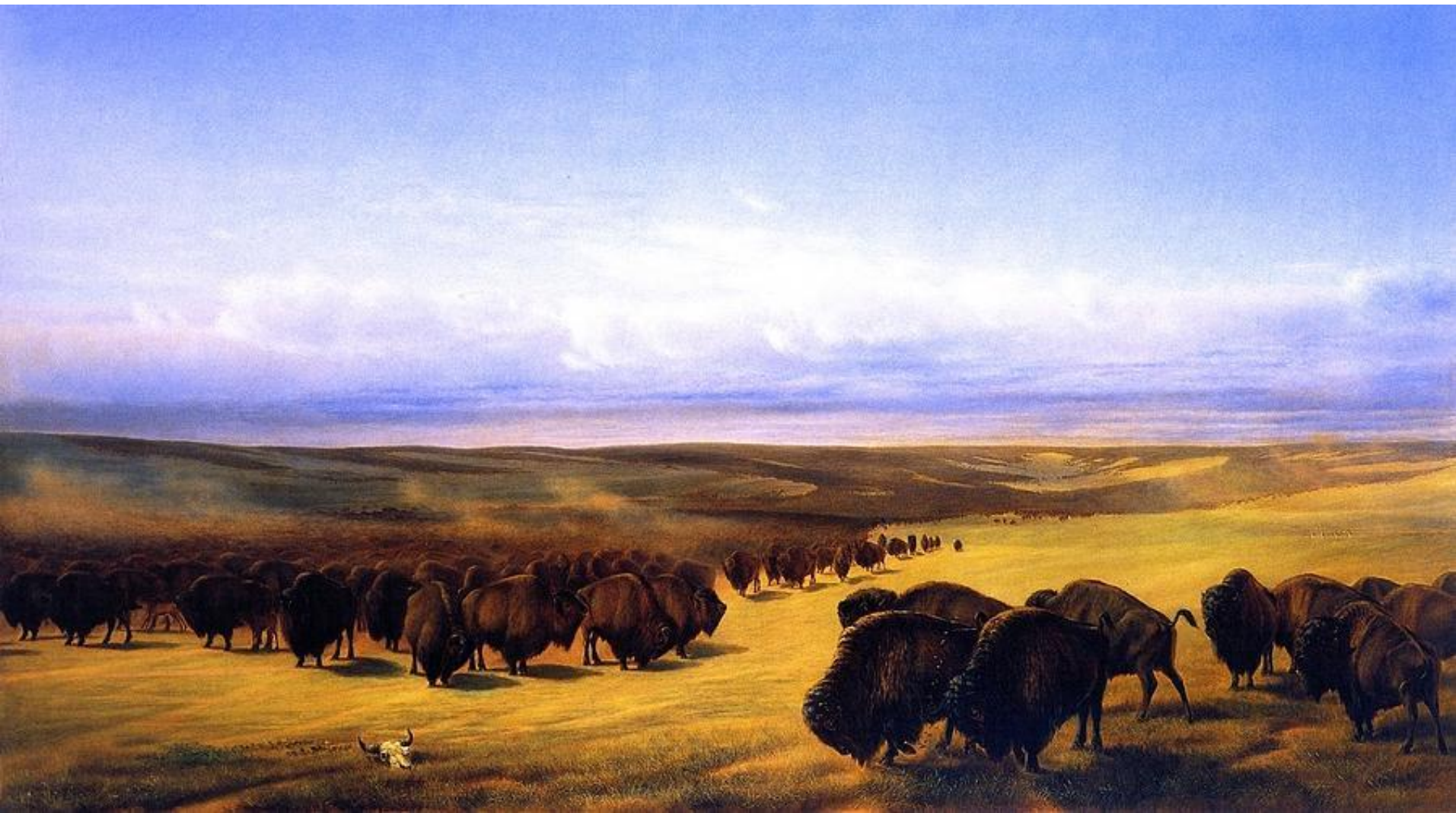


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"Are You Calling Me A Liar" - Koerner



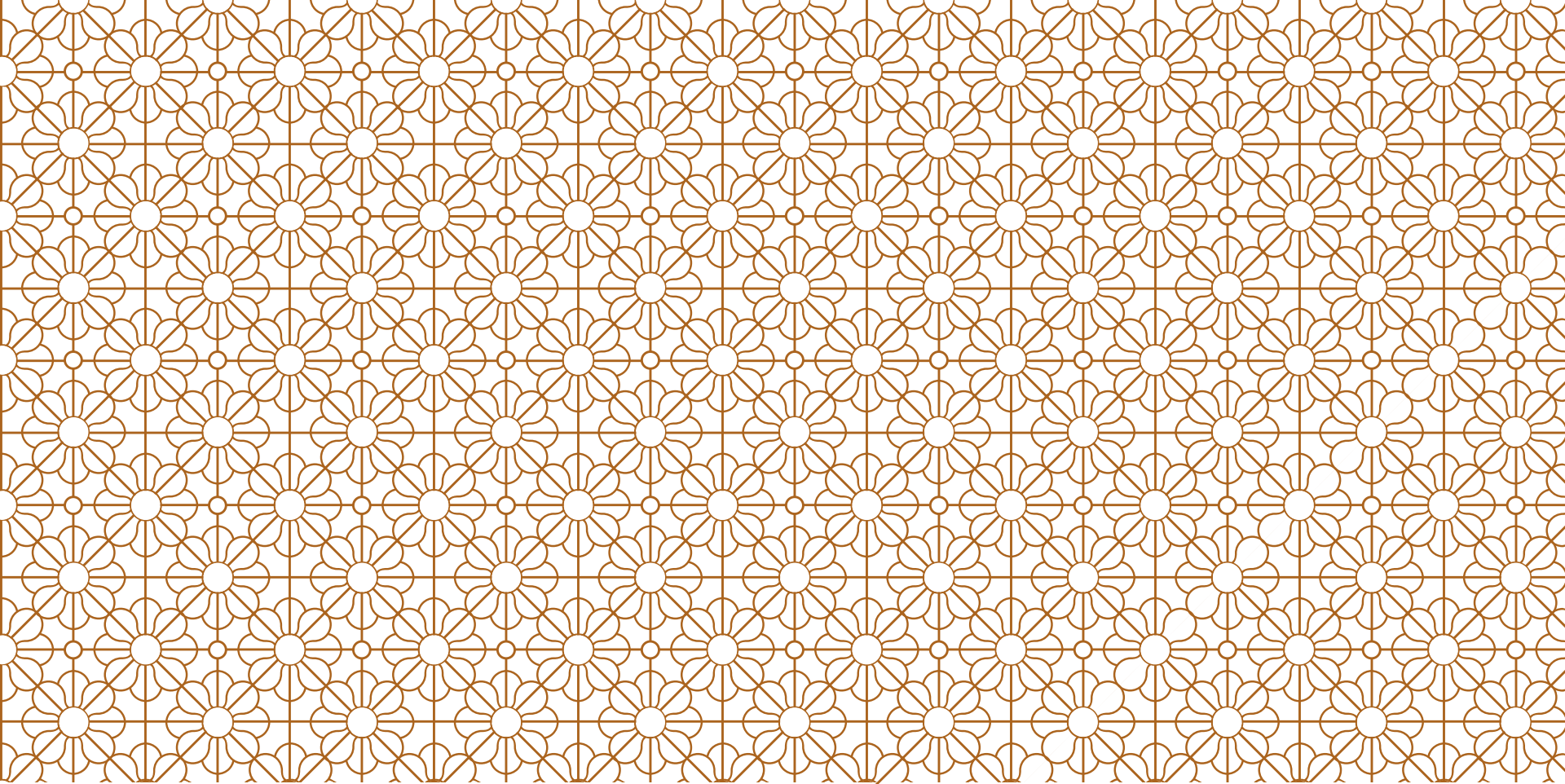
"The Lady Wins" - Wyeth



"Gathering of the Herds" – William Hayes



"Wind River" - Bierstadt



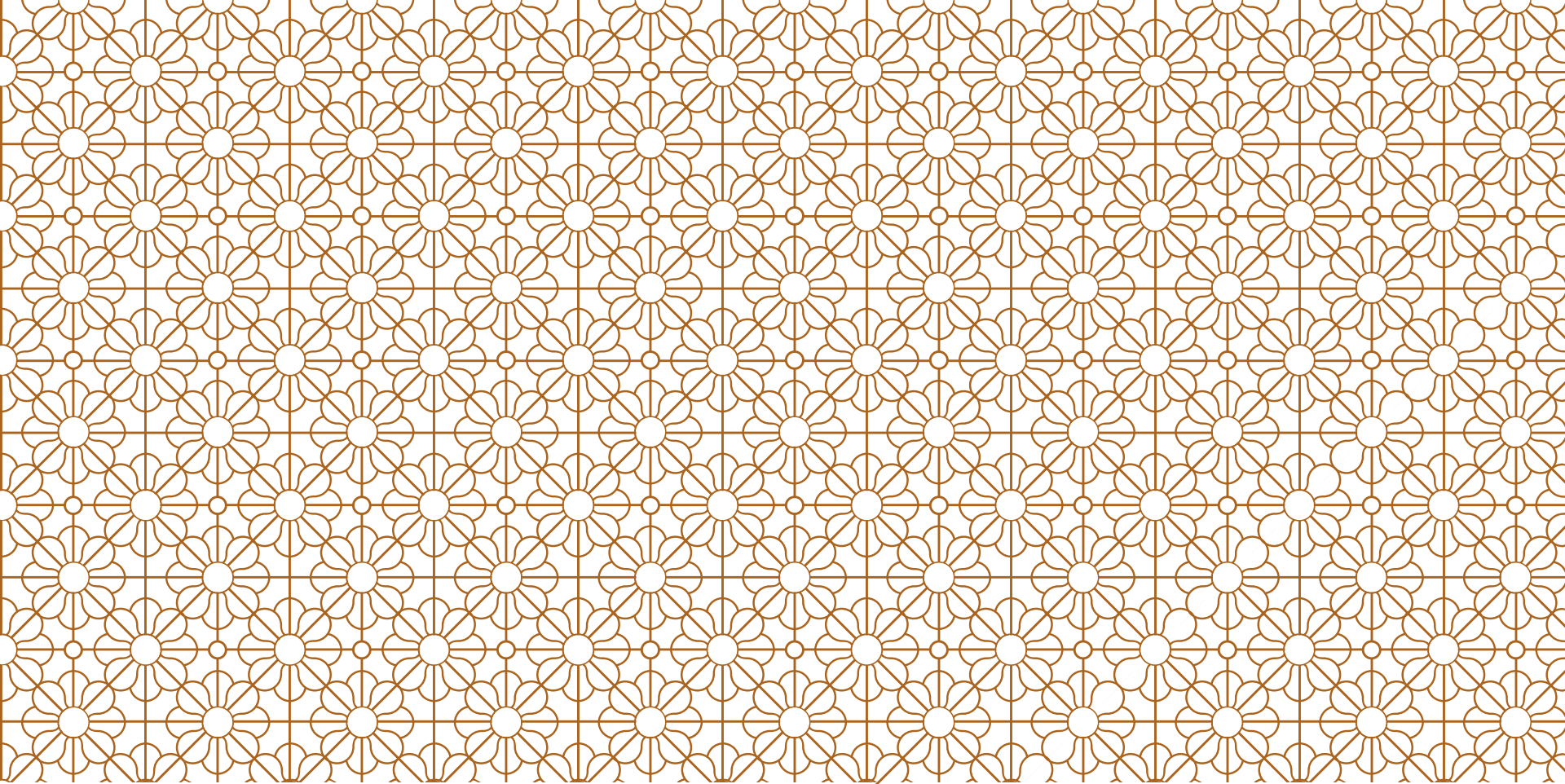
POINT OF VIEW OF THE ARTISTS

A lot of them never traveled West. *What does this tell us?*

CLOSURE

What is the myth of the West? Think about people (women, natives, cowboys) and the landscape.

Why did this myth exist?



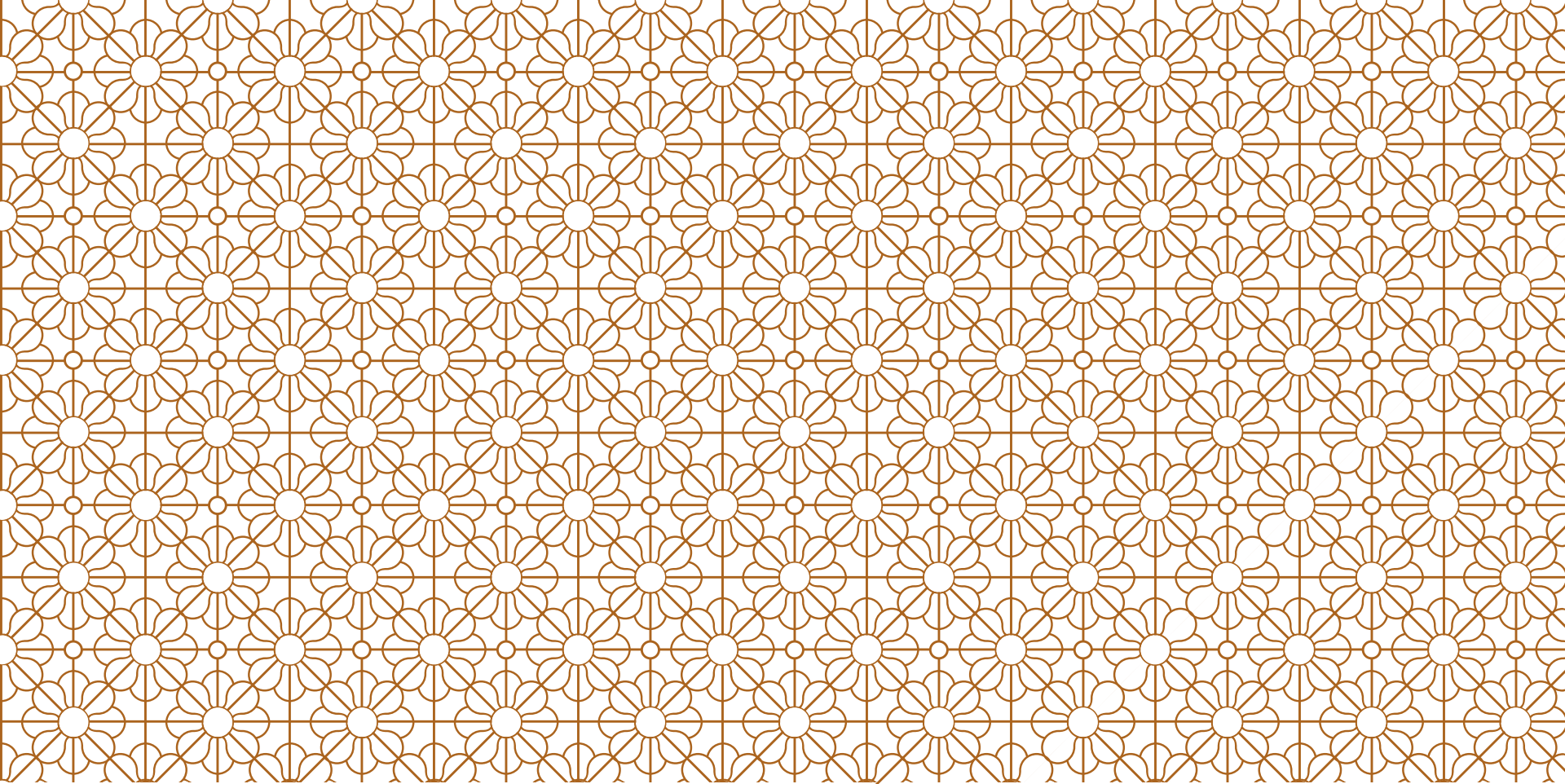
THE AMERICAN WEST: MYTH V. REALITY

*What was the West
really like?*

WARM UP: REVISIT CLOSURE

What is the myth of the West? Think about people (women, natives, cowboys) and the landscape.

Why did this myth exist?



**PREDICT: WHAT
WAS THE WEST
REALLY LIKE?**

Be as
specific as
possible



The reality of the west...

HOMework:

Write a thesis statement that answers the following prompt:

To what extent is Jonathan Gast's "American Progress" an accurate depiction of 'the West'?

