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对于每篇新闻报道,本书采用完全对开的布局,左页是"背景知识"、"新闻正文"和"听力破解",右页是"拓展练习"、"参考译文"和"生词和短语"。六个版块一一对应,清爽简洁。

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## People Put Mark on the American West

## 名人西部印记

十九世纪初,美国开始了势不可挡的西进运动,使美国的边疆从密 西西比河不断向太平洋西岸推进。1848年,人们在加利福尼亚发现了金矿,立刻引起世界的轰动,迅速形成规模空前的淘金热。



## News Script 新闻正文

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Many men and women helped to shape popular images of the American West. Some of these people can be seen in a show at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C.

FRANK GOODYEAR: The individuals who you see pictured along this wall are all important players in that development. He says people from many different places and occupations influenced the development of the American West. For example, Theodore Roosevelt.

When Roosevelt became president, he transformed this love of the West into concrete legislation<sup>®</sup>, setting aside<sup>®</sup> lands for national parks, national forests, initiating<sup>®</sup> a vigorous national debate about conservation.

Levi Strauss comes to recognize that great fortunes can be made during the Gold Rush by supplying miners with the goods that they need, and makes a tremendous fortune with his 501 jeans.

The show has pictures of explorers, there are also pictures of artists and photographers.

Writer Samuel Clemens also was important. Sam Clemens, pen name Mark Twain, really is the first individual to bring a kind of Western voice to American literature.

Goodyear says the National Portrait Gallery show covers eighty years during a time of great changes. During this period, Native Americans and non-natives fought several well-publicized battles. Workers completed a railroad across the country. And the modern-day environmental movement was born.

## Breakthrough 听力破解

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很多的男性和女性共同刻画了美国西部的印象。其中的一些人可以在华盛顿国家肖**像**美术馆的展览上看到。

弗兰克·古德伊尔说: "你看到的这面墙上展示的人都是在那个发展时期起重要作用的人物。" 他说来自不同地方不同职业的人们影响了美国西部的发展。比如西奥多·罗斯福就是一个例子。

罗斯福当上总统后,他将这种热爱转化到了具体的立法上面,他拨地建了国家公园、国家森林等、引发了一场激烈的关于自然保护的国内争论。

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作家萨缪尔・克莱门同样非常重要。萨缪尔・克莱门笔名马克・吐温,是第一位把西部声音带进美国文学的人。

古德伊尔说国家肖像美术馆的展出涵盖了八十年间的巨大变 化。在这一时期,有几次非常有名的美国本地人与非本地人的战 役,工人们完成了贯通全国的铁路,同时现代的环境保护运动也开 始兴起。



## Words & Phrases 生词和短语

- legislation [ˌledʒisˈleiʃən] n.立法
- ❷ set aside 留出,拨出

- ❸ initiate [i'ni∫ieit] ル引发
- make a tremendous fortune 发大财
- photographer [fəˈtɔgrəfə] n.摄影师
- publicize ['pʌblisaiz]以宣传

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# New Yorkers Miss the Old Station

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## News Script 新闻正文

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One hundred years have passed since New York's Pennsylvania Station opened its doors. The building stood in the middle of Manhattan for more than 50 years. Today, only the underground area remains.

Lorraine Diehl wrote a book about Penn Station. She remembers playing there as a child. LORRAINE DIEHL: "Every space just sort of triggered your imagination." Your mind took a journey before you ever got on a train in this space."

Artist William Low never saw the building. But he used old pictures and descriptions<sup>®</sup> to make a picture book about it.

Only six architects protested when the building came down in 1963. Slowly, other people came to regret the loss. This led to New York's Landmarks Protection laws.

PEG BREEN: "It was probably the greatest architectural crime that has been committed in New York City." Peg Breen heads the New York Landmarks Conservancy. Her group has been working to turn an old Post Office building across the street into a new version of Penn Station.

The building can never really take the place of the old Penn Station. But Breen's group says it will give train passengers arriving in New York a beautiful door into the city.

## Breakthrough 听力破解

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- ② only the underground area remains中, the在underground前面, u发元音, 因此the发[ði:] 这个音。
- ③ wrote与后面的a连读, wrote中的te发音弱化, 一跳而过, 基本上听不出来, 因此很容易听成是[raua]。

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