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Visual Analysis: John Gast's *American Progress* (1872)

1. List **Themes**, **Symbols**, and **Ideas** presented in the painting (3 minimum, list more if you like). Explain why these things stuck out to you.
2. Who is the intended audience?
3. How is the West depicted? How is the East? How are they different? Explain.
4. Based on the painting, what does "progress" mean to the "people"?
5. What assumptions does the painting make?

Activity:

Your mission: Draw this painting from a *different* perspective. Explain **why** you chose to draw what you did and the **meaning** behind your decision.