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Patricia Nelson Limerick's Seven "Common Characteristics" of Places in the Present-Day American West

- 1. Prone to Aridity »»» Makes these Places Resistant to "Conquest"**
- 2. Greater Presence of American Indians and Indian Reservations**
- 3. Greater Proportion of Land Under Federal Government Control**
- 4. Share a Border With Mexico »»» A Cultural-Economic Borderland**
- 5. Closer than Eastern Places to the Pacific Rim »»» Greater Ties to Asia**
- 6. Primary Waves of Anglo-American Conquest Came After the U. S. A. was "Fully Formed", politically and economically**
- 7. As a Result of All of the Above, "Prone to Demonstrate the Unsettled Aspects of Conquest"**

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