

1. List the key tensions:
2. What did most settlers think would allow them to claim the land for themselves?
3. Who lived in the West and why did the Settlers think they could take it?
4. How did the Federal government encourage the building of the railroad?
5. List the two major railroad companies and describe where they began.
6. Where did these two companies meet and on what date?
7. List some of the changes brought by the building of the railroads?
8. How does this impact the Native Americans?
9. Summarize the destruction of the buffalo, how would this impact the Native Americans?
10. List some of the uses of the buffalo
11. The Frontier (the West) was argued to be very important to the character of America. What did Historian Fredrick Jackson Turner say in his Frontier Thesis?
12. How did the Homestead Act lure settlers to the West?
13. What did the Morrill Land Grant Act do for the settlement of the West?
14. Define Exodusters. Why did they move West after the Civil War?
15. What were most of the Settlers that moved west and started farms?
16. Describe the new lifestyle of this men, women and children. What hardships did they endure?
17. How did many of these reach success?
18. What is the purpose of the United Sates Department of Agriculture?
19. Why does cattle become big business in the frontier?
20. Summarize the life of a cowboy
21. Why did the cattle industry suffer a critical blow? How did they get through this?
22. How did Barbed Wire end the OPEN RANGE?
23. What was found in Pike's Peak?
24. What was the Comstock Lode?
25. Describe the Government's policy towards American Indians
26. Summarize the standoff between Chief Sitting Bull and General Custer
27. Tell me more about Sitting Bull
28. And Custer.....
29. When Custer was killed how did the nation react? Is this good or bad for the Native Americans?
30. What happened at Wounded Knee? Give details
31. Why did this mark the end of Native American resistance?
32. How did Helen Hunt Jackson influence this time period? Name her book
33. Describe the Dawes Severalty Act
34. What was the goal of this Act?

Names

Railroads

Cattle/Ranching

Mining