

American West Checklist (PLC)

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The Plains Indians: their beliefs and way of life			
Migration and early settlement: Oregon Trail (1836), Donner Party/Mormon migration (1846-47), Gold Rush (1849)			
Conflict & tension: Fort Laramie Treaty (1851)			
The development of settlement in the West: Homestead Act (1862), Pacific Railroad Act (1862), First Transcontinental Railroad (1869)			
Solutions to problems faced by homesteaders: new technology, spread of railroad network, Timber Culture Act (1873)			
Ranching and the cattle industry: factors in its growth, roles of Iliff, McCoy and Goodnight, railroad network influence, work of the cowboy, rivalry between ranchers and homesteaders			
Changes in the way of life of the Plains Indians: Impact of railroads, cattle industry and gold prospectors, President Grant's "peace policy" (1868)			
Conflict with the Plains Indians: Little crows War (1862) Sand Creek Massacre (1864) Red Cloud's war (1866-68) Fort Laramie Treaty (1868)			
Changes in farming, the cattle industry and settlement: new technology, winter of 1886-87 Oklahoma Land Rush (1893)			
Conflict and tension: Problems of law and order – sheriffs and marshals. Johnson County War (1892)			
Conflict with the Plains Indians: Battle of the Little Big Horn (1876), Wounded Knee Massacre (1890)			
The Plains Indians destruction of their way of life: Hunting & extermination of the Buffalo, life on the reservations, closure of Indian Frontier, Dawes Act (1887)			