













## The American West, c1835-c1895

<b>Key topic 1: The early settlement of the West, c1835-c1862</b>		 Not sure	 Almost there!	 Got it sussed!
The Plains Indians: their beliefs and way of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social and tribal structures, ways of life and means of survival on the Plains.</li> <li>• Beliefs about land and nature and attitudes to war and property.</li> <li>• US government policy: support for US westward expansion and the significance of the Permanent Indian Frontier.</li> </ul>			
Migration and early settlement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The factors encouraging migration, including economic conditions, the Oregon Trail from 1836, the concept of Manifest Destiny, and the Gold Rush of 1849.</li> <li>• The process and problems of migration, including the experiences of the Donner Party and the Mormon migration, 1846-47.</li> <li>• The development and problems of white settlement farming.</li> </ul>			
Conflict and tension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasons for tension between settlers and Plains Indians.</li> <li>• The significance of the Fort Laramie Treaty 1851.</li> <li>• The problems of lawlessness in early towns and settlements.</li> <li>• Attempts by government and local communities to tackle lawlessness.</li> </ul>			
<b>Key Topic 2: Development of the plains, c1862-c1876</b>		 Not sure	 Almost there!	 Got it sussed!
The development of settlement in the West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The significance of the Civil War and post war reconstruction; the impact of the Homestead Act 1862, the Pacific Railroad Act 1862, and the completion of the First Transcontinental Railroad, 1869.</li> <li>• Attempts at solutions to problems faced by homesteaders: the use of new methods and new technology; the impact of the Timber Culture Act 1873 and of the spread of the railroad network.</li> <li>• Continued problems of law and order in settlements</li> <li>• Attempted law and order solutions: the roles of law officers and increases in federal government influence.</li> </ul>			
Ranching and the cattle industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cattle industry and factors in its growth, including the roles of Iliff, McCoy and Goodnight, the significance of Abilene and of the increasing use of the railroad network.</li> <li>• The impact of changes in ranching on the work of the cowboy.</li> <li>• Rivalry between ranchers and homesteaders.</li> </ul>			
Changes in the way of life of the Plains Indians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of railroads, the cattle industry and gold prospecting on the Plains Indians.</li> <li>• The impact of US government policy towards the Plains Indians; the continued use of reservations, President Grant's 'Peace Policy', 1868.</li> <li>• Conflict with the Plains Indians: Little Crow's War (1862) and the Sand Creek Massacre (1864), the significance of Red Cloud's War (1866-68) and the Fort Laramie Treaty (1868).</li> </ul>			

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<b>Key topic 3: Conflicts and conquest, c1876-c1895</b>		 Not sure	 Almost there!	 Got it sussed!
Changes in farming, the cattle industry and settlement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes in farming: the impact of new technology and new farming methods.</li> <li>• Changes in the cattle industry, including the impact of the winter of 1886-87. The significance of changes in the nature of ranching: the end of the open range.</li> <li>• Continued growth of settlement: the Exoduster movement and Kansas (1879), the Oklahoma Land Rush of 1893.</li> </ul>			
Conflict and tension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extent of solutions to problems of law and order: sheriffs and marshals. The significance of Billy the Kid, OK Corral (1881), Wyatt Earp.</li> <li>• The range wars, including the Johnson County War of 1892.</li> <li>• Conflict with the Plains Indians: the Battle of the Little Big Horn, 1876 and its impact; the Wounded Knee Massacre, 1890.</li> </ul>			
The Plains Indians: the destruction of their way of life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hunting and extermination of the buffalo.</li> <li>• The Plains Indians' life on the reservations.</li> <li>• The significance of changing government attitudes to the Plains Indians, including the Dawes Act 1887 and the closure of the Indian Frontier.</li> </ul>			

### Review, Revise, and Relearn to MASTER this topic

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