

HONORS U.S HISTORY
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THE WEST

STUDY GUIDE

1. What was the role of the buffalo in the lives of the Plains Indians?
2. What was the most important thing the Plains Indians got from Europeans?
3. What impact did the discovery of gold have on Native Americans living in the west?
4. What happened at Fort Laramie in 1851?
5. Explain the policy of concentration.
6. How did government policy toward the Indians change in 1867? Why?
7. Why and how did a paleontologist help the Sioux?
8. What was the effect of the railroad?
9. Explain the provisions of the Dawes Severalty Act.
10. Why did towns expand and decline so rapidly?
11. What do the authors of your text call “the culminating irony of the mining frontier”? Why?
12. What were the positive effects of the gold rushes?
13. Why was it so hard for people to take advantage of the Homestead Act? Who could?
14. Where were most homesteaders from?
15. Why did the government give land to the railroads?
16. What groups did the actual work of building the railroads?
17. What happened on May 10, 1869?
18. Why were the railroads important to the cattle industry?
19. Why was control of water important?
20. Describe the impact of barbed wire.

IDENTIFICATIONS

***In your own words,** explain these terms or identify these individuals and their significance*

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| 1. Homestead Act | 9. bureaucrat | 17. Comstock Lode |
| 2. Morrill Land Grant Act | 10. W.J. Fetterman | 18. Homestake Mining |
| 3. Pacific Railway Act | 11. allotments | 19. Big Bonanza |
| 4. Timber Culture Act | 12. "Custer's Last Stand" | 20. Joseph G. McCoy |
| 5. Timber & Stone Act | 13. Bozeman Trail | 21. Charles Goodnight |
| 6. "bonanza" farms | 14. Sand Creek Massacre | 22. Joseph G. Glidden |
| 7. travois | 15. Black Hills | 23. subsidy |
| 8. "treaty" Indians | 16. Nelson A. Miles | 24. Charles Crocker |