

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## **Unit 2: Westward Expansion**

**Overview:** The United States had been expanding its territory since its inception. In the late 1800's the people followed this expansion populated the "frontier" and taking all it had to offer. This migration of people and the use of the land reaped great rewards but also came at a tragic cost.

### **Vocabulary and Terms:**

- |    |                |                           |                |
|----|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1) | Cattle Kingdom | boomtown/ghost town       | Chisholm Trail |
|    | Comstock Lode  | transcontinental railroad | frontier       |
- 
- |    |                                |              |                          |             |
|----|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2) | Treaty of Fort Laramie         | reservation  | Buffalo Soldier          | Ghost Dance |
|    | Chivington/Sand Creek Massacre |              | Battle of Little Bighorn |             |
|    | Dawes General Allotment Act    | Chief Joseph | Massacre at Wounded Knee |             |
- 
- |    |                    |                 |                          |            |
|----|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 3) | Homestead Act      | Populist Party  | sodbuster                | Exodusters |
|    | Oklahoma land rush | National Grange | law of supply and demand |            |

### **Essential Questions:**

- 1) Was the "gold rush" a success for most people? Why or why not? Who profited? Was it a success for the United States?
- 2) How did the transcontinental railroad lead to the growth of the west?
- 3) Explain the importance of the buffalo and nature to American Indians of the Great Plains.
- 4) Explain the cultural differences between the Native Americans and people of European backgrounds.
- 5) Why didn't the reservation system work?
- 6) There are many sayings about good intentions going awry. Explain how the Dawes Act was a good intention with a horrible outcome.
- 7) How did the Homestead Act and westward expansion lead to the explosion of immigrants?
- 8) What factors led to the end of the Cattle Kingdom?
- 9) Explain the negative effect of the Homestead Act for farmers in relation to the law of supply and demand.

	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>

	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>

	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>

	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>

	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>

	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>
	<div>1)</div> <div>2)</div> <div>3)</div>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

West - Guided Reading # 1

**Directions** - Read 586 - 592 and answer the following questions in the form of a complete sentence. Write the page number where you found your answer in the box on the right.

1) What organizations were created because of low pay and unsafe conditions in the mines?

2) What was the most popular breed of cattle during the "Cattle Kingdom" period?

3) What invention from 1874 ended the concept of the "open range" in the West?

4) How much land was given to railroad companies through the Pacific Railway Acts of 1862 and 1864?

5) Immigrants from which country made up the majority of workers for Leland Stanford's company?

6) Where were the two sets of tracks joined, in 1869, to create the first transcontinental railroad?

7) What innovation that still exists today was created in 1883 to make railroad travel more efficient?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

West - Guided Reading # 2

**Directions** - Read pages 593-598. Answer the following questions based on that reading. Your answers should be in the form of a complete sentence. Write the page number where you found your answer in the box on the right.

1) What two animals did Native Americans of the Great Plains depend on for survival?

2) What did the treaties of Fort Laramie and Fort Atkinson originally promise to the Native Americans?

3) In the map on page 594, the map key or legend uses the word “massacre” three times. What does massacre mean?

4) Who was the leader of the Native American forces at the Battle of Little Bighorn?

5) What incident, from 1864, was similar in many ways to the Trail of Tears?

6) What was the name of Helen Hunt Jackson’s book which criticized the U.S. government for breaking treaties?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### West - Guided Reading # 3

**Directions** - Read pages 600-605 in your textbook. As you read answer the following questions. Your answers should be in the form of a complete sentence including all details from the question. Write the page number where you found the answer in the box.

1) According to the Morrill Act, what were states required to do with the money?

2) Name three distinct (different) groups of people who moved out West to take advantage of the Homestead Act?

3) What Western state was the first to grant women the right to vote?

4) How did the law of supply and demand cause crop prices to fall in the late 1800's?

5) What new political party was created with the help of farmers in 1892?

6) What nickname was given to people who claimed land in Oklahoma before the land rush legally began?