

West Transformed Study Guide

- 1) Where did the majority of the nations' railroad lines stop (what was the geographic border) prior to the end of the Civil War? (Railroad Reading)
- 2) What was the transcontinental railroad? (Railroad Reading)
- 3) What steel driving freedmen was folklore legend? (Railroad Reading)
- 4) What two groups began working on the Transcontinental Railroad, but many quit because the work was too difficult and pay was low? (Railroad Reading)
- 5) What immigrant group was the **main** source of labor for the Central Pacific and were given the worst jobs and worst housing? (Railroad Reading)
- 6) How did the U.S. government pay the two companies to build the transcontinental railroad? (Video Notes)
- 7) What did they use to blow holes through the hard granite of the Sierra Nevada? Why was it so dangerous? (Video Notes)
- 8) What immigrant group was the **main** source of labor for the Union Pacific? (Railroad Reading)
- 9) What state did the railroads meet to complete the transcontinental railroad? (Railroad Reading)
- 10) What symbolic action happened when the two lines met there (what was the stake made out of)?
- 11) What did the Homestead Act do?
- 12) What was a **homesteader**?
- 13) What were the Homesteader's homes made out of? (Video Notes)
- 14) Were the majority of Homesteaders successful or unsuccessful at first? (Look at what percentage had to go back East)
- 15) What were the difficulties that homesteaders faced? (Video Notes)
- 16) What nickname does the region have today? Why? (Video Notes)
- 17) What states did the majority of lumber come from that was shipped to the West to build the towns? (Video Notes)
- 18) What immigrant group made up a large portion of the lumberjacks? (Video Notes)
- 19) What state could the majority of the longhorn cattle be found? (Video Notes)
- 20) What is a **buffalo chip**? (DBQ)

- 21)What was does **open range** mean? (DBQ)
- 22)What does **maverick** mean? (DBQ)
- 23)Where did the cowboys push the cattle during the cattle drives? (DBQ)
- 24)One out of every three cowboys were what race? (Video Notes)
- 25)Who came up with the idea of driving cattle along trails to the railroad towns in Kansas (DBQ)?
- 26)What former slave became a cowboy and earned the nickname, “Deadwood Dick”? (DBQ)
- 27)What were the two main uses of the cowboy’s gun?
- 28)What were the dangers that cowboys faced? (DBQ)
- 29)Why did people in the eastern cities pay big money for longhorn cattle? (DBQ)
- 30)Range wars happened between ranchers and farmers. What invention ended the open range and the cattle drives? (Video Notes)
- 31)What group of individuals established the boomtowns in the West?
- 32)What types of establishments could you find in a boomtown?
- 33)What does **vigilante** mean?
- 34)What gunfight did Wyatt Earp and his brothers fight in? (Gunfighter Video)
- 35)Who was “Wild” Bill Hickok? What were the cards he was holding called? (Gunfighter Video)
- 36)What was Billy the Kid known for? How did he die? (Gunfighter Video)
- 37)What was Jesse James Known for? How did he die? (Gunfighter Video)
- 38)Why didn’t early western pioneers have a lot of conflict with the Native Americans of the Great Plains? (Native American Reading)
- 39)Most Great Plains Indians were **nomadic**. What does that mean?
- 40)What animal did they worship? Approximately how many lived on the Great Plains?
- 41)How were the buffalo used by the Native Americans?
- 42)What did American hunters want from the buffalo? (Video Notes)
- 43)What did the Dawes Act do? Why did it fail?

- 44)What does **assimilation** mean?
- 45)What was Fort Laramie Treaty? What happened regarding the enforcement of the treaty? (Native American Reading)
- 46)What is a **reservation?** (Video Notes)
- 47)Why were Indian agents unpopular with the Native Americans? (Native American Reading)
- 48)What was discovered in South Dakota that led to problems with the Sioux nation? (Video Notes)
- 49)What two Native American leaders led the Sioux and Cheyenne at the Battle of Little Big Horn? (Native American Reading)
- 50)What American officer and his column were killed at the Battle of the Little Big Horn? (Native American Reading)
- 51)What specific type of soldiers (U.S. Army) were used to round up the Native Americans?
- 52)What were some of the mistakes made by this officer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn? (Native American Reading)
- 53)The Battle of the Little Bighorn was a military victory for the Native Americans, but it ultimately led to their downfall. Why?
- 54)What were the 3 main tribes mentioned in the Dreamcatcher coloring page? (Dreamcatcher)
- 55)Who were the Buffalo Soldiers? What type of soldier were they?
- 56)Why were they given that name by the Native Americans?
- 57) Why is the relationship between the Buffalo Soldiers and Native Americans ironic?
- 58)What does **renegade** mean?
- 59)What Apache warrior led raids in the southwest for 10 years?
- 60)Who were Native Americans trying to contact by doing the Ghost Dance? How would contacting these individuals help them?
- 61)How did the military view the dance?
- 62) What incident marked the end of the Plains Indian Wars and Native American resistance?
- 63)What state did the last "Land Rush" occur? How was it claimed?
- 64)What is a **Sooner?**

65) How did the Transcontinental Railroad impact the United States? (Impact Flow Chart)