The American West c 1835-1895 Part II PLC

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| Key Topics | RAG Rating | | | Strategies for / Proof of Improvement |
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| **A) Development of the Plains, c1862-c1876** | | | | |
| * Migration 1861-1870 (Homestead Act, Pacific Railroad Act, completion of the Transcontinental Railroad) |  |  |  |  |
| * How the problems of farming were overcome (new machinery, Timber Culture Act, Turkey Red Wheat, new wind pumps) |  |  |  |
| **B) Ranching and the cattle industry** | | | | |
| * The growth of the cattle industry * 1861-65 The Civil War & demand in the north * 1866 – Goodnight-Loving Trail * 1867 – McCoy & Abilene * 1870 – Illiff & Cattle Barons * 1875 – Refrigerated cars & beef bonanza |  |  |  |  |
| Case Study: The changing life of the cowboy  The impact of the changing cattle industry on the life and role of the cowboy. Relations between ranchers and homesteaders. |  |  |  |  |
| **C) Impact on Native Americans** | | | | |
| * Why there was conflict & tension – the impact of settlement on Native Americans (buffalo, railroad, cattle industry, gold prospecting) |  |  |  |  |
| * Impact of US policy on Native Americans – continuation of reservations and the 2nd Fort Laramie Treaty (1868) |  |  |  |
| * Case Study: Little Crow’s War (1861-62) |  |  |  |
| * Case Study: The Sand creek Massacre (1864) |  |  |  |
| * Case Study: Red Cloud’s War (1868) |  |  |  |
| **D) Law and Order in the West** | | | | |
| The impact of the civil war and railroad on law and order   * Causes and types of crime * Hell on Wheels * Disenchanted soldiers * Code of the West * Reno Gang |  |  |  |  |
| Attempts to deal with law and order   * Federal Gov’t: Marshalls & judges * State Gov’t: town Marshalls, sheriffs etc |  |  |  |
| **Types of question on the exam paper** | | | | |
| * Explain two consequences of…. |  |  |  |  |
| * Write a narrative account analysing….. |  |  |  |
| * Explain the importance of x to y. |  |  |  |