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)
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| * How the problems of farming were overcome (new machinery, Timber Culture Act, Turkey Red Wheat, new wind pumps)
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| **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
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| Case Study: The changing life of the cowboyThe 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)
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| * Impact of US policy on Native Americans – continuation of reservations and the 2nd Fort Laramie Treaty (1868)
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| * Case Study: Little Crow’s War (1861-62)
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| * Case Study: The Sand creek Massacre (1864)
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| * Case Study: Red Cloud’s War (1868)
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| **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
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| Attempts to deal with law and order* Federal Gov’t: Marshalls & judges
* State Gov’t: town Marshalls, sheriffs etc
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| **Types of question on the exam paper** |
| * Explain two consequences of….
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| * Write a narrative account analysing…..
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| * Explain the importance of x to y.
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