The American West c 1835-1895 Part III PLC

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| Key Topics | RAG Rating | | | Strategies for / Proof of Improvement |
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| **A) Migration West c1876-1895** | | | | |
| * Migration 1879-1890 (Exoduster Movement, Dawes Act and Oklahoma Land rushes) |  |  |  |  |
| * How the problems of farming were overcome (barbed wire, new farming methods) |  |  |  |
| **B) The Cattle Industry and Ranching** | | | | |
| The fall of the cattle industry   * 1876 – introduction of barbed wire * 1882 – fall of beef prices * 1883 – drought / overstocking * 1886-87 – harsh winter * 1887 – end of the open range |  |  |  |  |
| **C) Impact on Native Americans** | | | | |
| * Case Study: Battle of Little Big Horn (1876) |  |  |  |  |
| * Case Study: Ghost Dance (1890) |  |  |  |
| * Massacre of Wounded Knee (1890) |  |  |  |
| * How the Plains way of life was destroyed – hunting and extermination of the buffalo, life on reservations |  |  |  |
| * Got’t attitudes to Native Americans – Dawes Act 1887 and other policies |  |  |  |
| **D) Law and Order in the West** | | | | |
| Attempts to deal with law and order   * Federal Gov’t: Marshalls & judges * State Gov’t: town Marshalls, sheriffs and Texas rangers * Non-official: Pinkertons & Vigilantes |  |  |  |  |
| * Case Study: Billy the Kid and Wyatt Earp |  |  |  |
| * Case study: The Johnson County War. |  |  |  |
| **Types of question on the exam paper** | | | | |
| * Explain two consequences of…. |  |  |  |  |
| * Write a narrative account analysing….. |  |  |  |
| * Explain the importance of x to y. |  |  |  |