The American West c 1835-1862 Part I PLC

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| Key Topics | RAG Rating | Strategies for / Proof of Improvement |
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| **A) Background to the American West** |
| * Social and tribal structures of the Plains Indians
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| * The way of life of the Plains Indians and their means of survival
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| * Beliefs about land and nature and attitudes to war and property
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| **B) Migration West c1835 – c1895** |
| * Migration 1835 – 1849 (the Oregon trail, manifest destiny, discovery of gold)
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| * Migration Case Studies: A comparison (The Donner Party and Mormon Migration 1846-47)
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| * Problems facing homesteaders and settlers (climate, lack of water, few trees, pests etc)
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| **C) Tensions with Plains Indians** |
| * The context of Government policy (gov’t attitudes to Native Americans, the Indian Removal Act (1830) and the Trade and Intercourse Act (1834)
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| * Indian Appropriations Act and the first Fort Laramie Treaty (1851
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| **D) Early Lawlessness** |
| Early problems of lawlessness in towns and settlements* Impact of the gold rush
* Vigilante groups
* Problems of geography and race
* No official law and order
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| Early attempts to solve law and order* Federal Government efforts
* Miners courts
* Vigilantes
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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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