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 |  |  |  |  |
| * The way of life of the Plains Indians and their means of survival |  |  |  |
| * Beliefs about land and nature and attitudes to war and property |  |  |  |
| **B) Migration West c1835 – c1895** | | | | |
| * Migration 1835 – 1849 (the Oregon trail, manifest destiny, discovery of gold) |  |  |  |  |
| * Migration Case Studies: A comparison (The Donner Party and Mormon Migration 1846-47) |  |  |  |
| * Problems facing homesteaders and settlers (climate, lack of water, few trees, pests etc) |  |  |  |
| **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) |  |  |  |  |
| * Indian Appropriations Act and the first Fort Laramie Treaty (1851 |  |  |  |
| **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 |  |  |  |  |
| Early attempts to solve law and order   * Federal Government efforts * Miners courts * Vigilantes |  |  |  |
| **Types of question on the exam paper** | | | | |
| * Explain two consequences of…. |  |  |  |  |
| * Write a narrative account analysing….. |  |  |  |
| * Explain the importance of x to y. |  |  |  |