




U1-Citizenship and Frontier Notes

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▼ Learning Targets

- 3A: I can analyze political issues such as Indian policies
- 3B: I can analyze economic issues such as the growth of railroads, farm issues, and the cattle industry boom
- 2A: I can identify the major eras in US History from 1877 to the present
- 2A: I can describe the characteristics of major eras from US History from 1877

▼ Warm up: 5 things about the West

1. Farming
2. Railroads
3. Trains
4. Cattle
5. Horses

▼ Lecture 1: Frontier Day 1

- What is Manifest Destiny?
 - The idea that the US was ordained (commanded or blessed by God) to settle the land from East to West ("From Sea to Shining Sea")

- Where did Americans go to mine for gold?
 - Many Americans were lured to the west by the chance to strike it rich by mining gold.
- Who worked in the mines? Were were 1/3 of the workers from?
 - Miners from the US, France, Germany, Ireland, Mexico and China. 1/3 of the workers were from China
- Which two began as mining towns?
 - Denver
 - Colorado Springs
- How were railroad companies able to expand west?
 - The government provided land and land grants
- What railway connected the East Coast with the West Coast?
 - Central Pacific
 - Union Pacific
- Who was used to build the railroads?
 - Immigrant workers
- Where were they from?
 - China
 - Ireland
 - Mexico
 - Africa
- What spot completed the the Transcontinental Railroad?
 - Promontory Point joined the railroads with a golden spike on May 10, 1869
- Why were time zones created?
 - Time zones were created so that railroad schedules could be coordinated

- How did cattle ranching begin?
 - Cattle started to come together and roam around Texas.
- Where were most cattle ranchers located?
 - Texas
- How were cows moved north to be processed?
 - Created cattle Drives
- What invention prevented cows from roaming freely?
 - Barbed wire
- What is a cattle town?
 - A place for cattle to be loaded onto trains and ship them to markets in the East
- What are two examples of cattle towns in Texas?
 - San Angelo
 - Fort Worth
- What are refrigerated packing plants?
 - A place for cattle processing
- Name 3 examples of refrigerated packing plants
 - Armour
 - Swift
 - Libby
- Name 2 reasons why the cattle boom ended
 - Bitter Winter
 - Extreme summer
- What was the Homestead Act?
 - An act in which the government gives 160 acres of land for farming
- What part of the country did farmers move to?

- People settled in the west
- People that moved west through the Homestead Act were called what?
 - Homesteaders
- Why did homesteaders live in sod homes?
 - They did not have the resources to build lumber homes
- What kind of relationship did farmers and railroad companies have?
 - They had a bad relationship




▼ Wrap up: Pull Factors

- Identify 3 pull factors that drew people West
 - Homestead Act
 - Railroad Jobs
 - Mining Jobs
- Brainstorm: Why did people leave the East Coast?
 - People Needed Jobs

▼ Lecture 2: Frontier Day 2

- What happened to Indians as Americans moved West?
 - They got kicked off their land and put on reservations
- Describe the impact of westward expansion on the bison/buffalo population
 - The buffalo were hunted and became extinct

Policies Locked

 Indian Policy Name	 Purpose	 Effect
Civilization Fund Act (1819)	Encouraged schools and missions to "educate" Indians in the ways of the white man	Divided the nations into social classes; caused the Indian culture to begin to disappear
Indian Removal Act (1830)	Moved Indians in the eastern part of the US to lands west of the Mississippi River	Trail of Tears-many died along the way
Dawes Severalty Act	Divided tribal land	Failure-the change of lifestyle and culture was too dramatic and drastic

- What is Assimilation?
 - Accepting white man culture