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| **Title - Guiding Question**  How the culture of the Plains Indians declined as the US Government continued to encourage White settlers to move west. | |
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| **Make Notes**  Pages 115- 124 textbook  Pg. 115  Pg. 116-117( cultures and clash on the prairie)  Culture:  Government restricts Natives:  Pg. 118-120  Government Assimilation  121-123  Pg. 124 | **Take Notes**  Westward expansion  Events in order starting summary 1868-1901  1869-suez canal opened  1870- red cloud chief speaks for people in Dc  1880- James Garfield president  1881- CHester Arthur becomes president  1884- Grover Cleveland president  1889- Oklahoma open for settlement, land rush  1890- Wounded knee massacre  1893- panic of 1893-gold  1896- william mckinley president  US government stated west and wanted native land for farming ex. “Manifest destiny spread.  **Great plains:** grass lands extending through the west-central portion of the US  Horses brought from mexico = became part of culture, traveled and hunted, acquired guns and hunted buffalo, mid 1700 almost all hunted buffalo. killed/fought with other tribes and sometimes came together to trade or eat together, many products made of buffalo. Lived in small extended families, a very connected community  Natives believed land could not be owned, government wanted to “improve their land” - said the plains were “unsettled”  Railroad= more people  1834=reservations but in 1850s= changed laws and treaties building on lands most natives rejected and fought back.  There were many fights and massacres of Natives by soldiers that just wanted to keep and protect their homes.  **Treaty of fort Laramie**” Sioux agreed to live in reservation along missouri river, was forced on the leaders. Sitting bull, leader of the Hunkpapa Sioux.  Treaties only temporarily stopped things and battles continued, George A. Custer a colonel reported natives has gold when they didn't.  1870=government encouraged Natives to be peaceful and live their culture along with white people. **Assimilation**= Natives give up their beliefs and become a part of white culture. School were built and they were forced to be Americanized  People started to hunt buffalo for sport so the natives lost the resource and it greatly damaged them causing them to starve and become more poor.  Some were made into farmers  1887 **Dawes act**: broke reservations and gave reservation land to individual natives to farm.  The **Battle of Wounded knee** happened in 1890 and as many as 300 unarmed natives were killed and this brought the Indian Wars to n end. |
| **Summary & Reflection**  The plains indians declined because the US settlers wanted more land to built homes, make railways and creat farmland, so the created laws that pushed natives out of that land and only gave them a little land to like on. There were also many batted instigated by the US military to kill and move Natives because they didn't want them their, or because they dd not approved of their culture. They killed them off by taking their main food source, Buffalo form them. And tried to Assimulate them, and strip their culture. And this sis how The US government ended up declining indian culture by encouraging westward expansion. | |
| **Source**  **American History Reconstruction to the present, HMH textbook** | |