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# KS4 HISTORY

Edexcel

## PAPER 2: AMERICAN WEST

## PERSONAL LEARNING CHECKLISTS

2022

## History Paper 2: American West

RAG Rate each section in the first column

Red = Not at all confident – needs major revision focus, Amber = requires more revision until confident. Green = Confident.

Use remaining columns to colour code when you have revised and tested your knowledge and understanding over several weeks.

Key Idea	Key Knowledge to understand	RAG					
<b>KT1: The early settlement of the West, c1835-1862</b>							
<b>THE PLAINS INDIANS: THEIR BELIEFS AND WAY OF LIFE</b>	• What were the social and tribal structures of Plains Indians?						
	• What was the Plains Indian 'way of life'?						
	• How did Plains Indians survive on the Plains?						
	What did Plains Indians believe about land, nature, war and property?						
	• What was the Permanent Indian Frontier, and why was it important?						
	What was the Indian Appropriations Act of 1851, and why was it important?						
<b>MIGRATION AND EARLY SETTLEMENT</b>	• Why did people migrate westward? Including economic conditions, the Oregon Trail, Manifest Destiny, and the Gold Rush of 1849.						
	• What problems did migrants face on their travels west?						
	• Why were the Donner Party unsuccessful on their migration?						
	• What were the aims, events and impacts of the Mormon migration, 1846-47?						
	• How did white settlement farming develop and what problems did they face?						
<b>CONFLICT AND TENSION</b>	• Why was there tension between settlers and Plains Indians?						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1851 and what did it mean for the relationship between settlers and Plains Indians?</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What problems of lawlessness were there in early towns and settlements?</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did the government and local communities attempt to tackle lawlessness?</li> </ul>						
<b>KT2: Development of the plains, c1862-1876</b>							
<b>THE DEVELOPMENT OF SETTLEMENT IN THE WEST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why was the Civil War and post war reconstruction significant?</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the Homestead Act and why was it important to settlement?</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the Pacific Railroad Act and why was it important to settlement?</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why was the completion of the First Transcontinental Railroad significant?</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did homesteaders solve the problems that they faced? Including new methods and technology, the Timber Culture Act and the railroad network.</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What were the problems of law and order in settlements and how were solutions attempted? E.g. law offices and increases in federal government influence.</li> </ul>						
<b>RANCHING AND THE CATTLE INDUSTRY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What impact did Liff, McCoy and Goodnight have on the growth of the cattle industry?</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the significance of Abilene and the railroad network?</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the impact of the changes in ranching on the work of the cowboy?</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why was there rivalry between ranchers and homesteaders and how did they try to overcome it?</li> </ul>						
<b>CHANGES IN THE WAY OF LIFE OF THE PLAINS INDIANS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the impact of the railroad, the cattle industry and gold prospecting on the Plains Indians?</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the impact of the increased use of reservations on Plains Indians?</li> </ul>						

	• How did President Grant's 'Peace Policy' (1868) affect Plains Indians?						
	• What are the causes, events and consequences of Little Crow's War (1862)?						
	• What are the causes, events and consequences of the Sand Creek Massacre (1864)?						
	• What are the causes, events and consequences of Red Cloud's War (1866-68)?						
	• What are the causes, events and consequences of the Second Fort Laramie Treaty (1868)?						
<b>KT3: Conflicts and conquest, c1876-c1895</b>							
<b>CHANGES IN FARMING, THE CATTLE INDUSTRY AND SETTLEMENT</b>	• What was the impact of new technology and farming methods?						
	• How did the cattle industry change?						
	• What was the impact of the winter of 1886-87?						
	• Why were changes in the nature of ranching significant? E.g. the end of the open range						
	• How did the Exoduster movement lead to more settlement and what were the impacts?						
	• How did the Oklahoma Land Rush of 1893 lead to more settlement and what were the impacts?						
<b>CONFLICT AND TENSION</b>	• How successful were 'solutions' to problems of law and order? E.g. sheriffs and marshals.						
	• Why were Billy the Kid, the OK Corral (1881) and Wyatt Earp significant?						
	• What were the range wars and why are they significant? E.g. Johnson County War of 1892						
	• What are the causes, events and consequences of the Battle of Little Big Horn (1876)?						
	• What were the causes, events and consequences of the Wounded Knee Massacre (1890)?						

<b>THE PLAINS INDIANS: THE DESTRUCTION OF THEIR WAY OF LIFE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why were the buffalo hunted and exterminated? What was the impact on Plains Indians?</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was life like for Plains Indians on the reservations?</li> </ul>						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why were the changing government attitudes to Plains Indians significant? E.g. The Dawes Act of 1887 and the closure of the Indian Frontier.</li> </ul>						