

Closing the West – America’s Frontier Closing the Frontier

Frederick Jackson Turner’s Frontier Thesis “American social development has been continually beginning over again on the frontier. This perennial rebirth, this fluidity of American life, this expansion westward with its new opportunities, its continuous touch with the simplicity of primitive society, furnish the forces dominating American character....In the crucible of the frontier the immigrants were Americanized, liberated, and fused into a mixed race, English in neither nationality nor characteristics....”

- Believed that the frontier was the basis of the American identity – self-reliance, innovation, adaptation, independence, and opportunity
- The _____
- It became a part of our folklore, _____.

What is our Culture *all* about today? _____

Identify the eight “Western” Football Teams and the city/state location

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5.	6.	7.	8.

January 24, 1848 – Sutter’s Mill, Coloma, California **Placer mining**: simple equipment such as picks, shovels, and pans. **Sluice mining**: diverts the current of a river into earthen or wooden trenches. The water was directed to a box with metal “riffle” bars that disturbed the current, causing heavier minerals to settle on the bottom of the box. A screen at the end of the riffle box kept the minerals from flowing out.

Strauss expected the miners would welcome his buttons, scissors, thread and bolts of fabric. He also brought along canvas sailcloth, intended to make tents and covers for the Conestoga wagons many miners lived out of. Strauss opened his dry goods wholesale business as Levi Strauss & Co. He often led his pack-horse, heavily laden with merchandise, to the mining camps in the Gold Rush country. He learned that prospectors and miners complained about their cotton trousers and pockets tearing too easily. A tailor named Jacob Davis decided to make rugged overalls to sell to the miners. Fashioned from brown sailcloth made from hemp, his trousers has ore storage pockets that were nearly impossible to split. Davis wanted to register a patent, but lacked money. Strauss agreed to help him and they went into partnership. On May 20, 1873, Strauss and Davis received United States patent #139121 for using copper rivets to strengthen the pockets of denim work pants. How many students are wearing jeans in class right now? _____

From _____ to _____ - (Explain in your own words)- _____

Vigilante committees: AKA Vigilantes- Groups that set themselves up _____ and sometimes didn’t bother with a trial before hanging.

- The Homestead Act
- It’s a LAW: Citizens could claim _____ of the Mississippi
- Pay a small filing fee
- _____
- _____
- After five years, the land became theirs, free of charge.

Sodbusters- _____

-What features make a sod house look like a regular house?

-Why was this type of structure popular for pioneers to build as their homes?

-What possible problems may arise for sodbusters out on the plains?

Buffalo, Texas Longhorn, Environmental impact- _____

Trans-Continental Rail Road Notes- _____

Solving the Indian Problem

The Indian Wars--A Clash of Cultures

- White settlers clashed with local tribes _____
- _____ were signed that _____
 - Not signed by real "chief"
 - _____ to them

Battle of Little Bighorn (AKA: _____)

- +Battle against a _____
 - Led by "Crazy Horse" and "Sitting Bull"
 - _____.
- U.S. Army crushed by Indian forces
- _____

+Nez Perce

- Led by Chief Joseph
- _____
- Caught and defeated at the Battle of Bear Paw
- _____

"From where the sun now stands I will fight no more Forever." - Chief Joseph

+Apache

- _____ – fierce fighter
- Caught and made a " _____ " by the U.S. Government

The end of the Trail for the Indians

- The "Ghost Dance"
 - _____
 - Celebrated a hoped-for day where whites would be cast out of Indian lands
- Prompted _____, essentially killed for dancing.
 - This marked the end of the Indian Wars.

Americanization

- The Dawes Act
 - _____
 - Citizenship could be earned after 25 years
 - _____ . Kill their culture.
- Carlisle Indian School:
 - Boarding schools where Indian children were _____
 - "Kill the Indian, save the child"

OUTLAWS, LAWMEN, AND ENTERTAINERS

Henry McCarty, AKA: Henry Antrim, William H. Bonney, or BILLY THE KID

- notorious outlaw and beloved folk hero
 - According to legend, he killed 21 men, one for each year of his life, but he most likely participated in the killing of less than half that number.
- Robert LeRoy Parker, AKA: Butch Cassidy and Harry Alonzo Longabaugh, AKA: The Sundance Kid notorious _____,

_____ and leaders of the Hole in the Wall Gang

#1 All-Time Western : _____

#2 All-Time Western: _____ (according to Mr. C)

<p>William Frederick Cody, AKA: Buffalo Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • master buffalo hunter • Reenactments of history combined with displays of showmanship, sharp-shooting, hunts, racing, or rodeo style events. Each show was 3-4 hours long and attracted crowds of thousands of people daily. <p>Phoebe Ann Mosey, AKA: Annie Oakley -- Sharpshooter</p>	<p>The Pony Express "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds"- (today) _____</p> <p>Wild West Medicine - _____</p>
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