

HISTORY – YEAR 11 – CONFLICTS AND CONQUEST

C.1876 – C.1895



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A KEY DATES

1	1876	Battle of Little Bighorn.
2	1879	Daniel Hardy Webster Campbell develops dry farming in Dakota.
3	1879	Exoduster Movement - 40, 000 ex-slaves move West to the Plains.
4	1881	Last big cattle drive to Dodge City takes place.
5	1883	The Northern Pacific Railroad is completed.
6	1886-7	Very harsh winter causes the 'Great Die-Up' in the cattle industry.
7	1887	The Dawes Act divides tribal land into family and individual plots.
8	1889	50,000 homesteaders join the first land rush in central Indian Territory.
9	1893	Oklahoma Land Rush.
10	1890	Massacre at Wounded Knee - Chief Big Foot & followers killed.
11	1890	Closure of the Indian Frontier by the government.
12	1892	Johnson County War.

B KEY INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS

1	Billy the Kid	Notorious outlaw who escaped jail.
2	Wyatt Earp	Lawman who fought outlaws at the OK Corral.
3	Benjamin Singleton	Former slave who told African Americans to move to Kansas as part of the 'Exoduster' movement.
4	Henry Adams	Like Singleton, he encouraged black migration.
5	Pat Garrett	The lawman (sheriff) who shot Billy the Kid.
6	Wovoka	A Paiute Indian who started the Ghost Dance.
7	Buffalo Bill	Buffalo hunter who helped exterminate all the buffalos - causing the Plains Indians to die out.

a KEY TERMS/CONCEPTS

1	OK Corral	A corral is an enclosure for horses. The OK Corral is where a famous gun fight took place.
2	Land Rush	Where the government gives land away, and people race to claim a piece of the land.
3	Exodus	Biblical story of the migration of people looking for equality, it is applied to the African American migration to Kansas, 1879
4	Great Die-Up	Name for the harsh winter of 1886-87 with temperatures below -55'c. At least 15% of open range herds died. Led to the end of the Open Range.
5	Overstocked	When too many animals are living off the same area of land.
6	Drought	Very little or no water, for example, the series of severe droughts in the 1890s.
7	Mechanisation	Making a farming process quicker and more effective using technology such as steel windmills & seed drills.
8	Refrigerated railroad cars	Introduced in 1875, this revolutionised the cattle industry- meat could be transported to distant markets.
9	Manifest racism	This is a play on 'Manifest Destiny' which was deeply racist – belief in inferiority of non-white Americans.
10	Sharecropping	When a landowner lets a tenant use some land in return for a share of the crops they grow.
11	Assimilate	To become like something else - for the Plains Indians to become like white Americans.
12	Ghost Dance	The Native American sacred dance/ritual on reservations to bring dead Plain Indians back to life.
13	Millenarian beliefs	The belief of oppressed people that a supernatural event will put right all the wrongs done to them.