

HISTORY – YEAR 10 – DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAINS C.1862 – C.1876



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A KEY DATES

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| 1 | 1862 | The Homestead Act - 160 acres for farming the land |
| 2 | 1862 | Little Crow's War. |
| 3 | 1864 | Sand Creek Massacre. |
| 4 | 1865 | The end of the Civil War. |
| 5 | 1866-68 | Red Cloud's War. |
| 6 | 1868 | President Grant made a Peace Policy to try and end conflict. |
| 7 | 1868 | The second Fort Laramie Treaty was signed, |
| 8 | 1869 | Transcontinental Railroad completed – connecting the East to the West. |
| 9 | 1870s | Growth of sheep farming reduced cattle grazing land. |
| 10 | 1873 | The Timber Culture Act allowed the homesteaders 160 acres of free land if they planted trees on a quarter of their new land. |
| 11 | 1875 | Over 6 million acres of land had become homesteads. |
| 12 | 1875 | The sulky plough was invented to help plough the prairie grass. |

B KEY INDIVIDUALS/GROUPS

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| 1 | The Reno Gang | Group of civil war deserters who terrorised towns. |
| 2 | Goodnight & Loving | Rich cattle ranchers who made a cattle trail. |
| 3 | John Iliff | Cattle baron – sold beef to Indian reservations. |
| 4 | President Grant | Took away Indians' rights, no peace gained. |
| 5 | Red Cloud | Respected Sioux war chief. |
| 6 | Colonel Chivington | Led 700 cavalry to massacre 130 Plains Indians. |
| 7 | Little Crow | Dakota Sioux chief who killed 600 settlers. |
| 8 | Joseph McCoy | Cattle baron who distributed meat via Abilene. |

C KEY TERMS/CONCEPTS

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| 1 | Red Turkey Wheat | New strong crop brought over by the Russian Mennonite immigrants; it grew well on the Great Plains. |
| 2 | Long drive | Cowboys drove herds of cattle from Texas to Kansas. |
| 3 | Vaqueros | Mexican name for cowboys who raised cattle. |
| 4 | Texas fever | The name of an illness which made cattle die. |
| 5 | Cattle ranch | The name for a farm where cattle were raised by cowboys. |
| 6 | Rustling | When someone steals livestock, especially cattle. |
| 7 | Open Range | A large area of unfenced land where cattle roam free. |
| 8 | Abilene | Joseph McCoy made Abilene key in the cattle transport industry. |
| 9 | Barbed wire | Joseph Glidden invented this in 1874 to protect farms. |
| 10 | Dog soldiers | Plains Indians warriors. |
| 11 | Reservations | Fenced off land for Plains Indians created by the government from which the Plains Indians couldn't leave. |
| 12 | Bozeman Trail | Trail created after gold was found in Indian territory, it went against the Fort Laramie Treaty. |
| 13 | Cow town | The name given to places which sell beef on mass. |
| 14 | Sears, Roebuck & Company | A catalogue which was transported goods via the railroads, it provided isolated homesteaders with essential supplies. |
| 15 | Windmill | The steel bladed windmill was invented by Halladay in 1870 to help homesteaders. |