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Early Settlement of the West c.1835-1862				
The Plains Indians				Beliefs and way of life, Buffalo's importance
Social & Tribal structures				Chiefs and braves, respect for nature and nomadic lifestyles
US Government policy				Westward expansion, Permanent Indian Frontier – moving Indians away from the settlers
Indian Appropriates Act 1851				Setting up of reservations
Migration & early settlement				Factors encouraging migration, including economic conditions – collapse of banks
Oregon Trail from 1836				
Manifest Destiny				Belief that white Americans had the right to populate all of America East to West
The Gold Rush of 1849				Discovery of gold and subsequent mass movement west
Donner Party Trek				Disastrous outcome of the Trek west
Mormon Migration				Persecution of the Mormons driving them west
White settlement farming				Development & problems – weather, climate, prairie fires, grasshopper plagues, lack of water, protection
Fort Laramie Treaty 1851				Conflict & tension between settlers and Plains Indians – Significance of Fort Laramie Treaty for both
Lawlessness in early towns				Impact of mass settlement on law & order – role of territories to keep law & order
Development of the plains c.1862-1876				
American Civil War				Significance of the Civil War and post war reconstruction
Homestead Act 1862				Incentives for settlers to move and settle on the plains
Pacific Railroad Act 1862				Support from US Congress (Government) to build a railroad across America
First Transcontinental Railroad				Railroad completed in 1869 and its spread into a rail network
New technology - Farming				How did they resolve the problems of farming on the plains? Machinery, Fencing, Wind pumps etc
Timber Culture Act 1873				Consequences of the act in encouraging more homesteaders on to the plains
Continued Law & Order issues				Government's response – Law officers, increase in Government influence
Ranching & Cattle Industry				Cattle Industry and factors in its growth – demand for beef & impact of Civil War
Iliff, McCoy & Goodnight				Goodnight – Cattle Trail / McCoy - developing first cow town at Abilene / Iliff – developing ranching
Cattle Barons				Impact of Railroad in driving demand for beef and impact on cattle industry – growth of Cattle Barons
Work of the Cowboy				Life of a cowboy and changes in ranching due to the 'Long drive' – life on new ranches pros & cons
Ranchers & homesteaders				Rivalry: Impact of sheep farming, barbed wire helping to create conflict, contribution to law & order issues
New lives of the Plains Indians				Impact of rail, cattle industry & gold on the plains Indians way of life – buffalo obstructed, Broken Treaties
US Gov't: 'Peace Policy' 1868				The Indian Problem: Pres. Grant - 'Peaceful' reservations avoiding contact with new settlers onto the plains
Little Crow's War 1862				Increased tensions between Plains Indians, Settlers and US Government
Sand Creek Massacre 1864				
Red Cloud's War 1866-68				Significance of Red Cloud's War
Fort Laramie Treaty (2) 1868				US Govt left its forts and Indians retreated back to the reservations
You'll see in this section, there is a lot of LINKING to be done – The impact of the Railroad on various topics, the impact of the Cattle Trail on various topics, as well as the conflict arising from the Government encouraging settlers to expand but directly adding to the lawlessness and conflicts.				



Conflicts and Conquest c1876-1895			
Farming: Challenges / Changes			Cont'd challenges to the farmers and impact of new technology and farming methods
Cattle Industry: Changes			End of 'open range' & use of barbed wire
Winter of 1886-87			Harsh winter, loss of cattle & impact of this
Ranching - Changes			Impact on cowboys lives – 'riding the line', more comfortable living conditions, regular hours & ranch rules
Exoduster movement 1879			Black Americans moved to Kansas following the Civil War – Impact on Plains Indians & other settlers
Oklahoma Land Rush 1893			Land offered to settlers that had been previously offered to the Cherokee Indians
Law & Order: Solutions?			Cont'd growth of crime & Gov't's response: Sheriffs and marshals (Town & US)
Billy the Kid, OK Corral 1881			Billy the Kid's role in promoting lawlessness & the gunfight at the OK Corral
Wyatt Earp			Wyatt's role in contributing to lawlessness in the west
Johnson County War 1892			Background and tensions to JC war, the spark and conflict itself. Trial & consequences
Gold in the Black Hills Montana			Gold in Black Hills led to Gold Rush of settlers & subsequent tensions with the Plains Indians
Battle of the Little Bighorn 1876			Sioux Indians going to war, the battle itself (Custer's last stand) and the consequences
Wounded Knee Massacre 1890			Sitting Bull, the massacre and its implications for the Plains Indians
The end of the Plains Indians			
US Gov't policy on hunting			Extermination of the Buffalo and its effect on the Indians
Life on the reservations			Impact of changes on the Plains Indians lives in the reservations
Methods of dealing with Indians			How effective were the Gov'ts methods: territorial, political, economic, religious and education
Dawes Act 1887			Closure of the Indian Frontier

Unit 2A Exam Question Styles	Marks	Typical Question types / examples:
Q1: Consequence	8	Explain two consequences of ... (You MUST make the consequence of the event really clear)
Q2: Causation/Consequence/Change	8	Write a narrative account analysing the way in which... [x]
Q3: Consequence & Significance	16	Explain two of the following... (choice from 3)

Remember to familiarise yourself with the Exam Mat (Markscheme): It is online at www.stchistory.com if you have lost your copy

Notes / Questions to ask my teacher or to research:

American Documentary Series: The West – Very detailed but amazing for this course... Link to episode 1 below – following episodes are on the 'up next' section <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xIAMULS2IRU>

- This exam relies on knowledge and your understanding of the consequences of an event, which factors were more significant, what led to what etc
- Practice writing a Narrative – it's the newest part of the GCSE Exam, and with practice is something we can all do well
- Understand the concepts for each question – You will know exactly how to deal with them with practice and knowledge