Amercian Society

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Cultures Clash on the Prairie

1. What are the major differences in the cultures of the Sioux and Cheyenne, as opposed to the Osage and Iowa Native American peoples?
2. What is counting coup? How is it used in conflict between Native peoples?
3. How does the arrival of horses and guns change the lives of Native people?

1. What is the importance of the buffalo for the Plains Native people?
2. What kind of government structure was found in most Plains Native nations?
3. What was the primary basis for the conflict over land between the settlers headed west and the Native people who lived in the Plains?
4. How does the discovery of silver and gold change the settlement of the West? How does it impact Native Americans?
5. What is a boomtown?
6. How did the U.S. government change the policy regarding Native nations and the Great Plains between 1834 and 1850?
7. Look at the map on page 205. What changes do you observe about Native lands? Why do you believe this change occurred?
8. What brings new settlers to the Black Hills of what later was the state of South Dakota? Why did Native American leaders believe that this migration violated their rights?
9. Explain how the Dawes Act would aid in the assimilation of Native people into the dominant culture of the U.S. in the 19th century.
10. Why did the U.S. government encourage the extermination of the buffalo herds that covered the Great Plains?
11. Why is the Battle of Wounded Knee significant in the long conflict between the United States government and the Native Americans?
12. From whom does the American cowboy learn his trade?

16. How does the growth of the railroad system change the way ranchers in Texas raise and sell their cattle?

1. How do farmers feel about the long cattle drives that come through their lands? Why?
2. Briefly describe the workday of a cowboy? Why do you think cowboys are such romantic figures in American culture?
3. What new technology ends the era of the Open Range and the long cattle drive forever?