American West, c1835-c1895
Revision Questions and Sample Exam Questions
10 Questions & Assessment Revision

10 Questions:

1. How did horses transform the lives of Native Americans?
2. Counting Coup is...
3. Which religious faith travelled west to avoid persecution?
4. What were Native Americans forced to live on?
5. What was the aim of the 1887 Dawes Act?
6. When was the Fort Laramie Treaty signed?
7. What type of disease did Longhorn cattle carry?
8. Settlers headed west because...
9. In what year was the Homestead Act?
10. Which animal did the Plains Indians rely on?

Assessment Question:

Explain two consequences of the Battle of the Little Bighorn. (8 marks)

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Indicative Content:
Change in attitude towards the Plains Indians as a threat to ‘Manifest Destiny’, Plains Indians had to be kept on their reservations, Previous treaties were ignored, Military control over the Plains Indians, Plains Indians forced to assimilate into ‘White America’.
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1. What did Mexico hand over to the USA in 1848?
2. How long were the Californian and Oregon trails?
3. One way women worked in Native American tribes...
4. Name of a famous outlaw from the Wild West...
5. How big (population) did a territory have to be in the 1800’s before it could be declared a state?
6. Which Native American tribe did Sitting Bull belong to?
7. In what year was gold found in California?
8. The Johnson County War took place in...
9. Why did Californian miners have to form their own courts up until 1866?
10. What was the greatest victory by the Native Americans over the US army?

Assessment Question:

Write a narrative account analysing the ways in which the cattle industry grew in the years 1865-74. You may use the following in your answer:

- The Goodnight-Loving Trail (1866)
- The introduction of barbed wire (1874) (8 marks)

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The Goodnight-Loving Trail – Sold cattle for four times the usual value, provided cattle to the mining towns. The introduction of barbed wire – meant land could be fenced cheaply this led to conflict between ranchers and homesteaders as the cattle industry continued to grow. Abilene & McCoy (1867) developed Cow Towns. Iliff (1868) won a government contract to sell beef to the Sioux reservation. Transcontinental Railway (1869) allowed for the movement of cattle.
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10 Questions:

1. Give three uses of the Buffalo...
2. Whose responsibility was it to care for the Tipi?
3. How was Native American wealth measured?
4. What Great Spirit did the Native Americans believe in?
5. Why were circles important to the Native Americans?
6. Name two factors that pushed white settlers out of the East...
7. Name two factors that pulled white settlers to the West...
8. Why was the journey west so tough?
9. In what year were the Donner Party trapped in Sierra, Nevada?
10. When was the term ‘Manifest Destiny’ first used, by whom?

Assessment Question:

Explain two of the following:

1. The importance of the cattle trails for the development of the cattle industry in the 1860’s.
2. The importance of the railroads for changes in the way of life of the Plains Indians.
3. The importance of the wagon trails for the early settlement of the West. (16 marks)

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1. Movement of cattle to the North, Providing beef to Chicago, Providing beef to Plains Indians after the loss of Buffalo.
2. Brought white settlers onto the plains cheaply, quickly and in bigger numbers, Allowed for development through transport of materials, Interfered with migration of the Buffalo, Transported the U.S military.
3. Provided a safer passage across the Plains, Growth of towns like Independence, Growth of Oregon (farming) and California (mining).
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1. Name of the first person to find gold in California...
2. What nickname was given to the groups of settlers who moved West in search of gold?
3. What problems arose with law & order in mining towns? (give 2 examples)
4. Who started Mormonism?
5. When the Book of Mormon was first published?
6. Give two examples of the religious beliefs of the Mormons...
7. When was polygamy introduced to the Mormons by Joseph Smith?
8. How many acres of land were given to settlers under the Homestead Act, 1862?
9. Name two other acts that gave settlers more land and the conditions that had to be met...
10. How did the end of the Civil War help settle the Plains?

Assessment Question:

Explain two consequences of the opening of the first Transcontinental Railroad in 1869. (8 marks)

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Growth of settlements in the West, Interference with Buffalo migration, Destruction of the Buffalo herds, Settlement of the plains by homesteaders, Boosted the cattle industry, Cheap and quick movement across the U.S.
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1. What breed of cattle were used traditionally used in cattle ranching?
2. Who created the Cow Town in Abilene, Kansas (1867)?
3. Who were the Cattle Barons?
4. Give two factors that encouraged lawlessness in the West...
5. What is a vigilante?
6. What was discovered in the Rocky Mountains in 1862?
7. How did this lead to conflict between the US government and the Sioux?
8. Why was the Indian Agency attacked by Sioux Indians?
9. Why were reservations set up?
10. In 1840, buffalo numbered around 13 million, how many were estimated to have been left by 1885?

Assessment Question:

Write a narrative account analysing the key events that led to Red Cloud’s War (1866-68).

You may use the following in your answer:
- The Fort Laramie Treaty (1851)
- The discovery of gold in Montana (8 marks)

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The Fort Laramie Treaty – Failure of the US Government to protect Plains from settlers. The discovery of gold in Montana – Prospectors crossed important hunting grounds (Bozeman Trail) – this broke the Fort Laramie treaty. Fetterman’s Trap (1866) – The Lakota Sioux attacked men cutting wood for a system of forts. 1867 – Peace Commission planned to move Plains Indians to reservations further west.
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1. When was the Pacific Railroad Act passed?
2. Which trail was the most followed one by migrants heading west?
3. Name two reasons horses were valuable to the Indians
4. What did the Indian Appropriations Act (1851) do?
5. What were ‘Warrior brotherhoods’?
6. How long was the Oregon Trail?
7. Who led the Mormons to Salt Lake?
8. What did the homesteaders build their homes from?
9. What did prospectors do?
10. What was the aim of the Fort Laramie Treaty 1851?

Assessment Question:

Explain two of the following:

1. The importance of the Indian Appropriations Act (1851) for the way of life of the Plains Indians.
2. The importance of the development of the new mining towns for law and order in the early west.
3. The importance of the Oregon Trail for the early settlement of the West. (16 marks)

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1. Introduced reservations which began to put an end to a nomadic lifestyle, Reduced land available for hunting in the hopes Plains Indians would take up farming.
2. Racism as many new migrants moved to the mining towns, San Francisco 1851 produced a new type of law enforcement; Vigilantes, Failure of federal law enforcement i.e. US marshal due to geography.
3. The only practical way for migrants to cross the mountains with wagons, Was migrants to travel the Oregon Trail were missionaries in an attempt to convert Indian Tribes to Christianity – Manifest Destiny.