

EDEXCEL GCSE HISTORY (9-1) - The American West

Question 1 - Explain two consequences	<u>The early settlement of the West c.1835 - c.1862 (plains Indians, migration and early settlement and conflict and tension)</u>
(4 + 4 = 8 marks)	Explain two consequences of the discovery of gold in California in 1848.
	Explain two consequences of the discovery of the Fort Laramie Treaty (1851).
	Explain two consequences of the Gold Rush of 1849
	Explain two consequences of the Indian removal Act 1830
	<u>Development of the plains c.1862 - c. 1876 (development of settlement in the West, ranching and the cattle industry, the changes to the Plains Indians' way of life)</u>
	Explain 2 consequence of Red Cloud's War (1866-68)
	Explain two consequences of the opening of the first Transcontinental Railroad in 1869.
	Explain two consequences of the discovery in 1871 in an eastern tannery to the process to make high quality leather from buffalo hides.
	Explain two consequences of the growth in the cattle industry
	<u>Conflicts and conquest c. 1876 - c. 1895 (changes in farming, the cattle industry and settlement, conflict and tension and the destruction of Plains Indians' way of life)</u>
	Explain two consequences of the Johnson County War in 1892.
	Explain two consequences of the defeat of the Seventh Cavalry at the Battle of the Little Bighorn.
Question 2 - Write a narrative account (12 marks)	<u>The early settlement of the West c.1835 - c.1862 (plains Indians, migration and early settlement and conflict and tension)</u>
	Write a narrative account analysing the main developments in US Government policy towards the Plains Indians in the period 1836-1861. You may use the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement of the Bureau of Indian Affairs • Fort Laramie Treaty of 1851. You must also use information of your own.
	Write a narrative account analysing why Americans went West in the years 1836-1849.

	<p>You may use the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon Trail from 1836 • California Gold Rush 1849 <p>You must also use information of your own.</p>
	<p>Write a narrative account analysing the beliefs and way of life of the Plains Indians at the time of the early settlement of the West c. 1835 - c. 1862</p> <p>You may use the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and tribal organisation • The importance of animals in daily life and for survival <p>You must also use information of your own.</p>
	<p>Write a narrative account analysing US government policy towards Plains Indians before the 1860s</p> <p>You may use the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Removal Act 1830 • Indian Appropriations Act 1851 <p>You must also use information of your own.</p>
	<p>Write a narrative account analysing why the Mormons migrated west across America.</p> <p>You may use the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of Joseph Smith • The role of Brigham Young <p>You must also use information of your own.</p>
	<p><u>Development of the plains c.1862 - c. 1876 (development of settlement in the West, ranching and the cattle industry, the changes to the Plains Indians' way of life)</u></p>
	<p>Write a narrative account analysing changes in the lives of cowboys in the years 1865-1874.</p> <p>You may use the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abilene as the first cow town (1867) • Introduction of barbed wire (1874) <p>You must also use information of your own.</p>
	<p>Write a narrative account analysing the development of the railroads in the years 1860-1875.</p> <p>You may use the following:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railroad Act 1862 • The use of Chinese labour <p>You must also use information of your own.</p>
	<p>Write a narrative account analysing the ways in which homesteaders solved the problems of farming on the Plains in the years 1862-1876.</p> <p>You may use the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of the railroads. • Invention of barbed wire <p>You must also use information of your own.</p>
	<p>Write a narrative account analysing the significance of the American Civil War on the development of the Great Plains in the years c. 1862 - c. 1876</p> <p>You may use the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The destruction to railroad tracks caused by the war • The money available at the end of the war for 'reconstruction' <p>You must also use information of your own.</p>
	<p>Write a narrative account analysing the US government policy toward the Plains Indians in the years 1862 - 76.</p> <p>You may use the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fort Laramie Treaty 1868 • The 'Peace Policy' of President Ulysses Grant <p>You must also use information of your own.</p>
	<p><u>Conflicts and conquest c. 1876 - c. 1895 (changes in farming, the cattle industry and settlement, conflict and tension and the destruction of Plains Indians' way of life)</u></p>
	<p>Write a narrative account analysing the destruction of the Plains Indians' way of life.</p> <p>You may use the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The destruction of the buffalo • Life on the reservation <p>You must also use information of your own.</p>
	<p>Write a narrative account analysing the main ways in which the US government destroyed the Plains Indians' way of life after 1876</p>

	<p>You may use the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reservation • The building of military forts <p>You must also use information of your own.</p>
Question 3 - Explain 2 of the following (8 + 8 = 16)	Explain two of the following:
	<u>The early settlement of the West c.1835 - c.1862 (plains Indians, migration and early settlement and conflict and tension)</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of the 1849 Gold Rush for problems of lawlessness in early towns and settlements. • Explain the importance of the buffalo to the Plains Indians' way of life. • Explain the importance of warrior societies to Plains Indian life. • Explain the importance of breeding and training horses to the way of life and means of survival of the Plains Indians. • Explain the importance of religion to the way of life of the Plains Indians. • Explain the importance of the Indian Appropriations Act 1851 to the way of life of the Plains Indians. • Explain the importance of the Fort Laramie Treaty 1851 • Explain the important of the 'mountain men' in the early settlement of the West • Explain the importance of lawlessness in the development of settler towns • Explain the importance of the leadership of Brigham Young to the successful settlement of the valley of the Great Salt Lake by the Mormons.
	<u>Development of the plains c.1862 - c. 1876 (development of settlement in the West, ranching and the cattle industry, the changes to the Plains Indians' way of life)</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of the Homestead Act of 1862 for the settlement of the West. • The importance of President Grant's 'Peace Policy' (1868) for changes in the way of life of the Plains Indians • Explain the importance of the rapid growth of mining settlements for government efforts to bring law and order to the West. • Explain the importance of Joseph McCoy to the development of the cattle industry. • Explain the importance of cowboys for the cattle industry.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the importance of attempts to tackle lawlessness • Explain the importance of the railways in the development of the West
	<p><u>Conflicts and conquest c. 1876 - c. 1895 (changes in farming, the cattle industry and settlement, conflict and tension and the destruction of Plains Indians' way of life)</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the importance of the winter of 1886-1887 for the cattle industry. • Explain the importance of the strategy of total war for the US Army's defeat of the Plains Indians. • Explain the importance of the Dawes Act, 1887 for the way of life of the Plains Indians. • Explain the importance of the range wars (1878 - 92)