**History – Paper 2 – Section A – The American West**

Read through the sheet and RAG rate where you are for each sentence in the first column. Keep this sheet safe and use it to help you review the content each time you have a test. Use it to help you identify where you need to begin with your revision, begin with anything red, then amber, then review green.

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| **Content** | | **RAG** | | | |
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| **Topic 1 – The early settlement of the West, c1835-c1862** | | | | | |
| **Key Topic 1.1 The Plains Indians: their beliefs and way of life** | | | | | |
| Social and tribal structures of the Plains Indians | |  |  |  |  |
| Indian way of life and means of survival on the Plains | |  |  |  |  |
| Beliefs about land and nature | |  |  |  |  |
| Attitudes to war and property | |  |  |  |  |
| US government policy: support for US westward expansion | |  |  |  |  |
| * The significance of the Permanent Indian Frontier (c.1834) and the Indian Appropriations Act 1851. | |  |  |  |  |
| **Key topic 1.2 Migration and early settlement** | | | | | |
| Factors encouraging migration : | |  |  |  |  |
| * Economic conditions in the East | |  |  |  |  |
| * Oregon Trail from 1836 | |  |  |  |  |
| * Concept of Manifest Destiny | |  |  |  |  |
| * Gold Rush of 1849 | |  |  |  |  |
| The process and problems of migration, including the experiences of the Donner Party | |  |  |  |  |
| The persecution and migration of the Mormons 1846-47 | |  |  |  |  |
| The development and problems of white settlement farming | |  |  |  |  |
| **Key topic 1.3 Conflict and tension** | | | | | |
| Reasons for tension between settlers and Plains Indians. | |  |  |  |  |
| The terms and significance of the Fort Laramie Treaty 1851 | |  |  |  |  |
| Problems of lawlessness in early towns and settlements | |  |  |  |  |
| Methods of the government and local communities to tackle lawlessness | |  |  |  |  |
| **Topic 2 – Development of the Plains, c1862-c1876** | | | | | |
| **Key topic 2.1 The development of settlement in the West** | | | | | |
| Significance of the Civil War and post war reconstruction including: | |  |  |  |  |
| * Impact of the Homestead Act 1862 | |  |  |  |  |
| * Impact of the Pacific Railroad Act 1862, and the completion of the First Transcontinental Railroad 1869 | |  |  |  |  |
| Attempts at solutions to problems faced by homesteaders: | |  |  |  |  |
| * the use of new methods and new technology | |  |  |  |  |
| * The impact of the Timber Culture Act of 1873 | |  |  |  |  |
| * Spread of the railroad network | |  |  |  |  |
| Continued problems of law and order in settlements, and attempted solutions, including the roles of law officers and increases in federal government influence | |  |  |  |  |
| **Key Topic 2.2 Ranching and the cattle industry** | | | | | |
| The cattle industry and factors in its growth including: | |  |  |  |  |
| * The role and importance of Goodnight and Loving | |  |  |  |  |
| * The role and importance of Joseph McCoy and Abilene | |  |  |  |  |
| * The role and importance of John Iliff | |  |  |  |  |
| The impact of changes in ranching on the work of cowboys | |  |  |  |  |
| Reasons for rivalry between ranchers and homesteaders | |  |  |  |  |
| **Key Topic 2.3 Changes in the way of life of the Plains Indians** | | | | | |
| The impact of railroads, the cattle industry and gold prospecting on the Plains Indians | |  |  |  |  |
| The impact of US government policy towards the Plains Indians, including: | |  |  |  |  |
| * The continued use of reservations | |  |  |  |  |
| * President Grant’s ‘Peace Policy’ 1868 | |  |  |  |  |
| Conflict with the Plains Indians: | |  |  |  |  |
| * Little Crow’s War 1862 | |  |  |  |  |
| * The Sand Creek Massacre 1864 | |  |  |  |  |
| * Significance of Red Cloud’s War 1866-68 | |  |  |  |  |
| * The terms of the Second Fort Laramie Treaty 1868 | |  |  |  |  |
| **Topic 3 – Conflicts and conquest, c1876-c1895** | | | | | |
| **Key Topic 3.1 Changes in farming, the cattle industry and settlement** | | | | | |
| Changes in farming: the impact of new technology and new farming methods | |  |  |  |  |
| Changes in the cattle industry, including the impact of the winter of 1886-87. | |  |  |  |  |
| The significance of changes in the nature of ranching: the end of the open range | |  |  |  |  |
| Continued growth of settlement: the Exoduster movement and Kansas 1879. | |  |  |  |  |
| The Oklahoma Land Rush of 1893 | |  |  |  |  |
| **Key Topic 3.2 Conflict and tension** | | | | | |
| Extent of solutions to problems of law and order: sheriffs and marshals | |  |  |  |  |
| The significance of Billy the Kid, OK Corral 1881 and Wyatt Earp | |  |  |  |  |
| The range wars, including the Johnson County War of 1892 | |  |  |  |  |
| Conflict with the Plains Indians: | |  |  |  |  |
| * The Battle of the Little Big Horn 1876 and its impact | |  |  |  |  |
| * The Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890 | |  |  |  |  |
| **Key Topic 3.3 The Plains Indians: destruction of their way of life** | | | | | |
| The hunting and extermination of the buffalo | |  |  |  |  |
| The Plains Indians’ life on the reservations | |  |  |  |  |
| The significance of changing government attitudes to the Plains Indians, including: | |  |  |  |  |
| * The Dawes Act 1887 | |  |  |  |  |
| * The closure of the Indian Frontier | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Exam Skills** | | | | | |
| RAG rate each of the question types below – you must be able to explain how you would structure your answer for each of these. | | | | | |
| Explain **two** consequences of… | **(8 marks)** |  |  |  |  |
| Write a narrative account analysing…… | **(8 marks)** |  |  |  |  |
| Explain **two** of the following:  The importance of X for Y | **(2 x 8 =16 marks)** |  |  |  |  |