

# Settling the Western Frontier: 1862-1890

**Directions:** Fill in the outline below. Filling in the blanks will help you as you read and study Chapter 18.

## I. Section 1 The Great Plains (pp. 349-351)

- A. The Great Plains
  - 1. Was a vast stretch of land between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Communication
  - 1. Improved in \_\_\_\_\_ with the completion of \_\_\_\_\_
- C. The Transcontinental Railroad
  - 1. Congress provided money for its construction in \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. The two railroads met at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Section 2 Frontier Life (pp. 352-355)

- A. Gold and Silver
  - 1. Attracted many \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the West
- B. Miners
  - 1. Most never became \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Grouped together to form \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Texas
  - 1. Became an important \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Ranchers could sell their cattle in eastern cities because of the \_\_\_\_\_
- D. The Chisholm Trail
  - 1. Was a widely used \_\_\_\_\_ for moving \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Cowhands
  - 1. Their main jobs were to prevent \_\_\_\_\_ and protect \_\_\_\_\_
- F. The Homestead Act of 1862
  - 1. Congress gave settlers \_\_\_\_\_ acres of land if they would \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Pioneers who owned land under this act were called \_\_\_\_\_
- G. The Plains Farmers
  - 1. Found that the ground was \_\_\_\_\_ and there was little \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Built \_\_\_\_\_ houses
  - 3. Pumped water from underground to the surface by using \_\_\_\_\_

## III. Section 3 The Plains Indians (pp. 356-359)

- A. The Plains Indians
  - 1. Included the \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , and seven tribes of \_\_\_\_\_

2. Depended on the \_\_\_\_\_ for their way of life
- B. Buffalo
  1. Between 1865 and 1875, millions of buffalo were \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ got the name \_\_\_\_\_ after killing more than 4,000 buffalo
  3. The loss of buffalo forced American Indians to \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Treaties
  1. Required the \_\_\_\_\_ to stay within certain boundaries
  2. The U.S. government would teach the American Indians to \_\_\_\_\_
  3. The U.S. government said the American Indians' way of life \_\_\_\_\_
- D. The Black Hills
  1. Gold was discovered there in \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Was holy land to the \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Chiefs \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ decided to defend their land
- E. Colonel George Armstrong Custer
  1. Custer and his troops were killed at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ by warriors
- F. Custer's Last Stand
  1. Would be the last \_\_\_\_\_ for the Plains Indians
  2. Forced the government to move all American Indians \_\_\_\_\_
- G. The Nez Percé Indians
  1. Tried to escape to \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Many \_\_\_\_\_ along the way
  3. Chief Joseph urged his people to \_\_\_\_\_
- H. Chief Red Cloud
  1. Went to Washington, D.C. to tell the President that he wanted \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. Section 4 Congress Aids American Indians (pp. 360-361)

- A. *A Century of Dishonor*
  1. Was published in \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_
- B. The Dawes Act of 1887
  1. Attempted to turn American Indians into \_\_\_\_\_
- C. 1924
  1. Was the year all American Indians were made \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Wounded Knee
  1. Some American Indians believed \_\_\_\_\_ would bring back \_\_\_\_\_
  2. On \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ arrived to stop and disarm hundreds of dancers
  3. After a shot was fired, soldiers killed about \_\_\_\_\_
  4. The massacre \_\_\_\_\_ the fighting
- E. The Frontier Line
  1. By \_\_\_\_\_, the frontier had been conquered