**Big Idea Questions**

**Guided Notes**

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* Plains Indians:
  * Sioux – hunted ________________
  * Relied heavily on ________________ – introduced by Europe
* Many Indians were still vulnerable to ________________
* As railroads expanded (1880s – 1890s), Indian life was drastically altered:
  * Lost land, buffalo almost became ________________
* Chinese immigration:
  * Settled in ________________, worked in gold mines and railroads
  * Were discriminated against - hard to ________________
    – language barriers
  * Lived and worked in ________________
* Anti-Chinese Sentiment:
  * Anti-Coolie clubs:
    * Wanted to ban Chinese ________________
  * Workingmen’s Party:
    * Party that emerged based on hostility to Chinese
  * ________________
    * Banned Chinese immigration, made it harder for those in America to become citizens
* Western Settlement:
  * Homestead Act (1862):
    * ____________ acres of low cost land, must live on and improve it for _____ years
    * Not always the best land, fraud by corporations
  * ________________ – completion of the transcontinental RR
* Timberland Culture Act (1873), Desert Land Act (1877)
  * Opportunities for additional land if improvements were made
* Utah admitted as a state in 1896 – abandoned ________________

**The Changing Western Economy**

* West became increasingly connected to east:
  * RR, cattle, mining, etc.
* The West was often seen as a place of opportunity for all
  * “______________” theory – in tough economic times, one could always move West and start anew
* Labor in mines was very arduous and dangerous
  * ________________:
    * Large business for some (TR tried in the 1880s)
    * Could be unstable – winters of 1885-86 and 1886-87
Women’s suffrage was higher in the West than East:  
** ____________ was the first state to guarantee women’s suffrage**

**The Romance of the West**

* Rocky Mountain School
  * Similar to ** _______________**:  
    - painted _______________
* Why was the West so appealing?  
  * *The Virginian*- romanticized the cowboy  
  * West was seen as the last frontier

**The Significance of the Frontier in American History**

* Frontier ended in ___________ (used census data)  
* Frontier gave America a unique identity, promoted ________________

**The Dispersal of the Tribes**

* **Helen Hunt Jackson**  
  * *A Century of Dishonor* – ________________  
    - ________________  
    - ________________
* During and after Civil War, conflicts increased between government and Natives
  * Indian Peace Commission:
    * Recommended to move Plains Indians to reservations in Oklahoma and the _______________
  * Bureau of Indian Affairs:  
    * Created to distribute land and supplies; not very successful
  * Buffalo:  
    * Almost became extinct – RR companies, “Buffalo Bill Cody”

**Conflicts with Native Americans**

* Sand Creek Massacre:  
  * 133 Natives were killed, 105 were women and children  
  * ________________
  * California, 5,000 Natives were massacred between 1850 - 1880  
  * 150,000 Natives in CA prior to Civil War, 30,000 in 1870
* Battle of Little Bighorn (___________________________):  
  * George Custard and 264 members of regiment were killed
* Nez Percé  
  * Chief Joseph urged members to flee, almost made it to Canada

* **Wounded Knee** 1890
* Fighting between soldiers and Natives in South Dakota
  * 40 soldiers, ___________ Natives were killed (many women and children)
  * ***
    * Purpose was to ***
    * “Americanize” Natives
  * Eliminated tribal lands, provided ________ acres of land for individuals
  * Some children sent to boarding school
  * Promoted Christianity

### The Rise and Decline of the Western Farmer

* 1862, Congress authorized and subsidized transcontinental routes
  * 1869 – met in Utah
* State governments encouraged RR development also:
  * Financial aid and land
* RR companies advertised to attract settlement of lands
* Joseph Glidden and I.L. Ellwood:
  * Developed and marketed barbed wire – hurt ranches
* Farms produce so much, prices drop, bankrupting some farms
* Farmers’ Grievances:
  * RRs – unfair pricing, warehouse facilities
  * High interest rates by banks
* Farmers advocated increasing the money supply