

Facts, Myths & Legends of the West

- The Wild West: Some elements of the frontier myths were true.
- Yet, many wild towns of the West calmed down fairly quickly or disappeared.
- By the 1880s, the frontier had many churches and a variety of social groups.
- Major theatrical productions toured growing western cities.
 - The East had come West.



SHAMROCK SALOON

RESTAURANT

JOE. DEMPSEYS PLACE.

ROBBY

WINE MELLERS
MURLE

the

GUNSLINGERS

The Traditional View of the West



Colt .45 Revolver and the Winchester Repeating Rifle



*God didn't make
men equal. Colonel
Colt did!*



“The weapons which won the West”

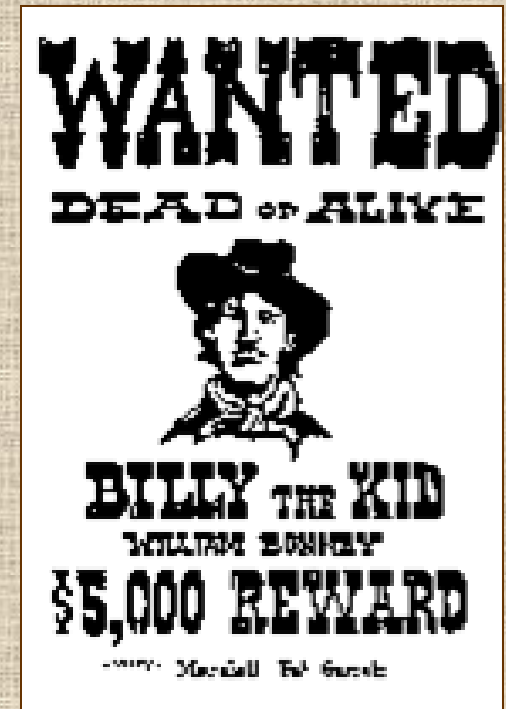
Legendary Gunslingers & Train Robbers



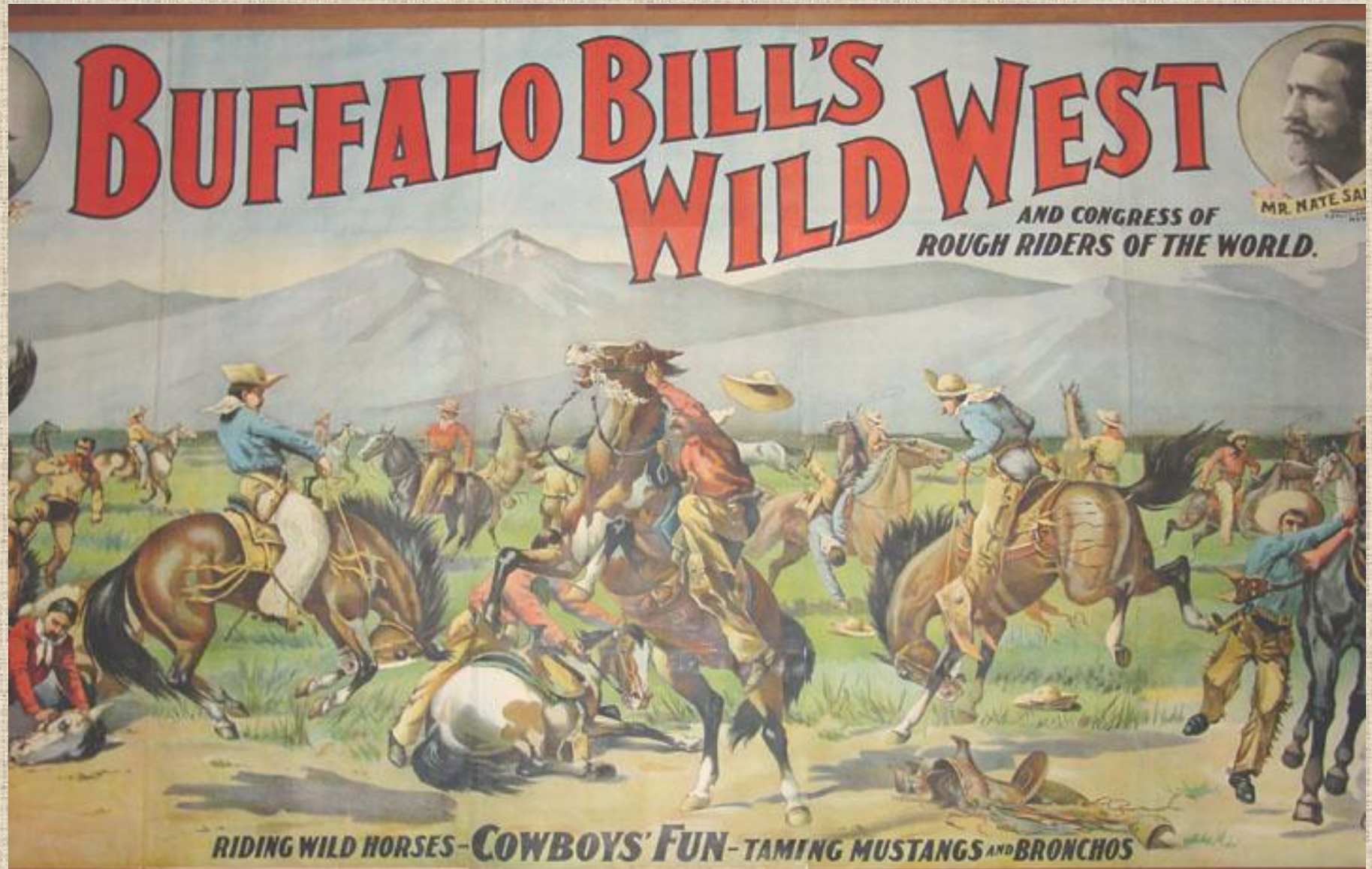
Jesse James



Billy the Kid



William "Buffalo Bill" Cody's Wild West Show



Legendary Female Western Characters



Calamity Jane



Annie Oakley

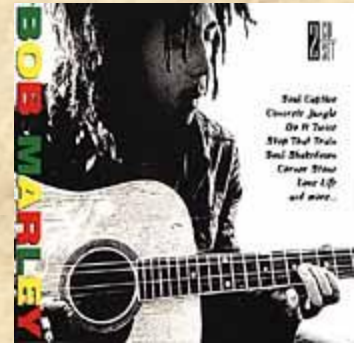
"Buffalo Soldier" - Bob Marley

There was a buffalo soldier in the heart of America,
Stolen from Africa, brought to America,
Fighting on arrival, fighting for survival.

I mean it, when I analyze the stench -
To me it makes a lot of sense:
How the dreadlock rasta was the buffalo soldier,
And he was taken from Africa, brought to America,
Fighting on arrival, fighting for survival.

If you know your history,
Then you would know where you coming from,
Then you wouldn't have to ask me,
Who the heck do I think I am.

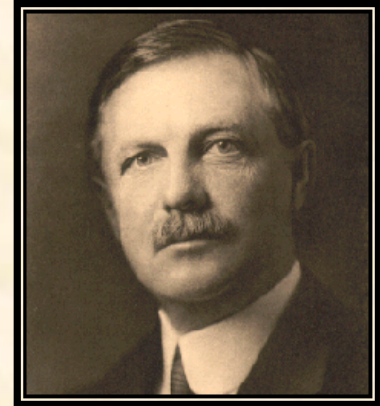
Buffalo soldier troddin through the land, wo-ho-ooh!
Said he wanna ran, then you wanna hand,
Troddin through the land, yea-hea, yea-ea.



TURNER THESIS

“RUGGED INDIVIDUALIST”

**The frontier created the
American character of one
who was self-sufficient,
persistent and able to
withstand difficult times to
accomplish the American
Dream...**



*Frederick
Jackson
Turner*



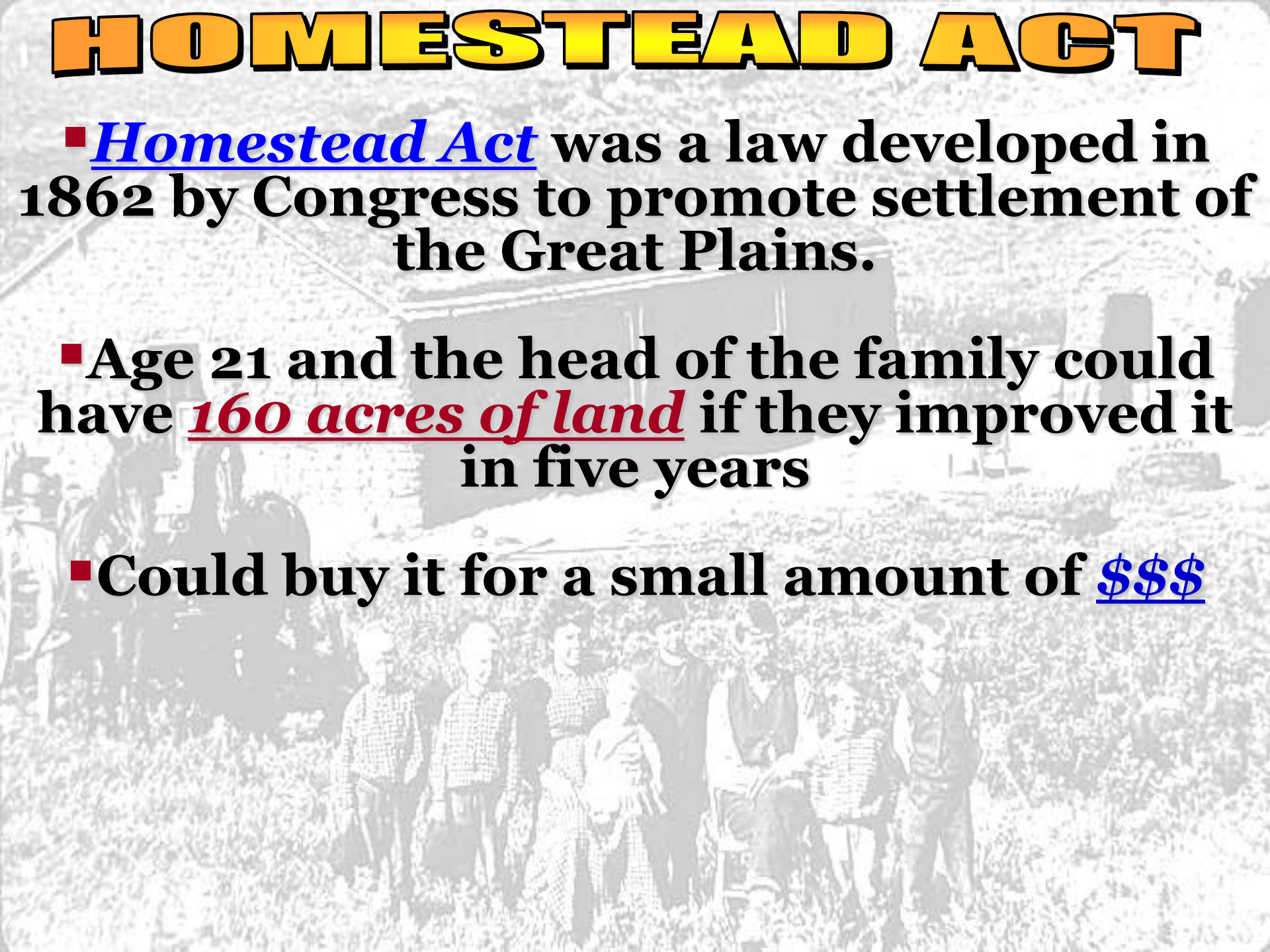
Story of US Cowboys

What are some reasons people
might move out West?



HOMESTEAD ACT

- *Homestead Act* was a law developed in 1862 by Congress to promote settlement of the Great Plains.
- Age 21 and the head of the family could have *160 acres of land* if they improved it in five years
- Could buy it for a small amount of *\$\$\$*













1st TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD



- May 10, 1869 at Promontory, Utah
 - “The Wedding of the Rails” ✨
- Central Pacific and Union Pacific

1869. May 10th. 1869.

GREAT EVENT

Rail Road from the Atlantic to the Pacific

GRAND OPENING

OF THE

Union Pacific

RAIL ROAD.

PLATTE VALLEY ROUTE.

PASSENGER TRAINS LEAVE

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FOR THE COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE OF TRAVELERS

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CHEYENNE for DENVER, CENTRAL CITY & SANTA FE

AT DENVER AND CHEYENNE FOR DENVER, CENTRAL CITY, SANTA FE, SALT LAKE CITY AND LOS ANGELES

THROUGH TICKETS FOR SALE AT ALL PRINCIPAL RAILROAD OFFICES

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FRANKLIN S. MERRILL, General Agent

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Promontory, Utah

CANADA



- Major railroads in 1870
- Major railroads built between 1870 and 1890

MEXICO

0 200 400 miles
0 200 400 kilometers



Body Mapping

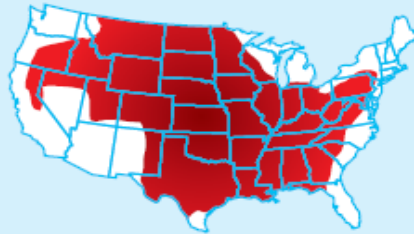
U.S. INDIAN POLICY

Dawes Act of 1887

- ❖ Quicker Americanization
 - Assimilate, mainstreamed and absorbed into US society
 - Adopt Christianity and White education
 - Individual land ownership over tribal land
- ❖ Failed policy
 - Indian resistance and corruption



Importance of the Buffalo



1800 65,000,000



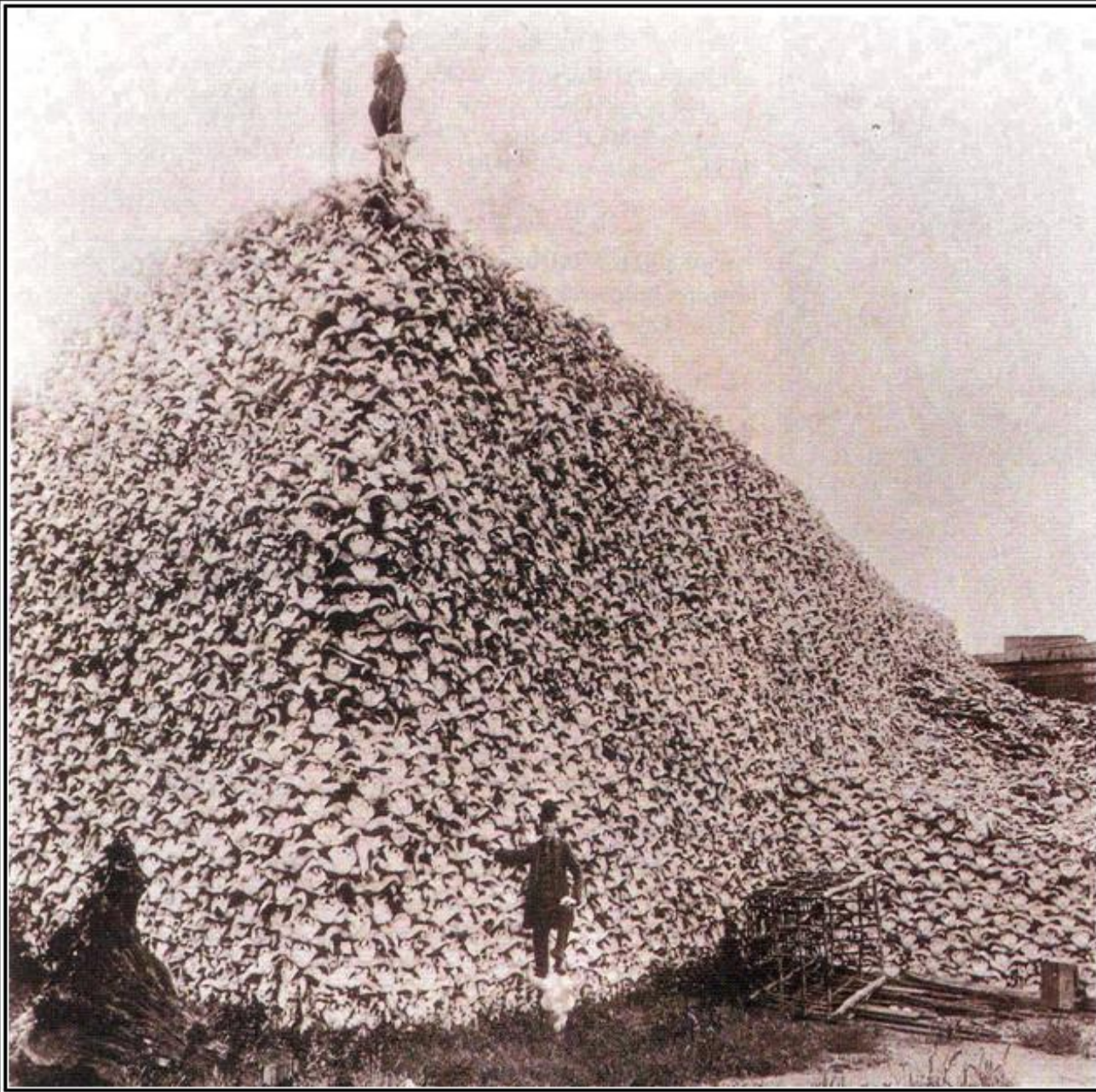
1870 1,000



2000 260,000

- 1871 to 1875, the US supported the extermination of 11 million buffalo.

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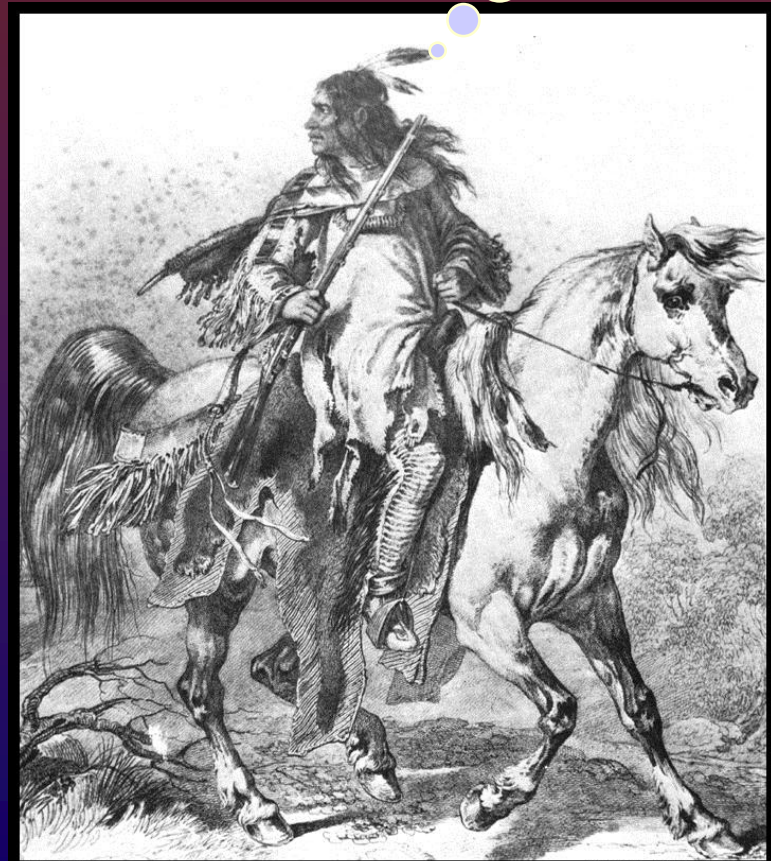
•Take away the food source from the Native American and they will be forced to submit and go to the reservations.



Gold!

There goes the neighborhood!

- ❖ Gold discovered in the Black Hills.
- ❖ Govt. tries to purchase the land, but the Sioux refuse.
- ❖ Gold fever and miners refuse to respect Sioux land.....
 - ❖ Conflict erupts!



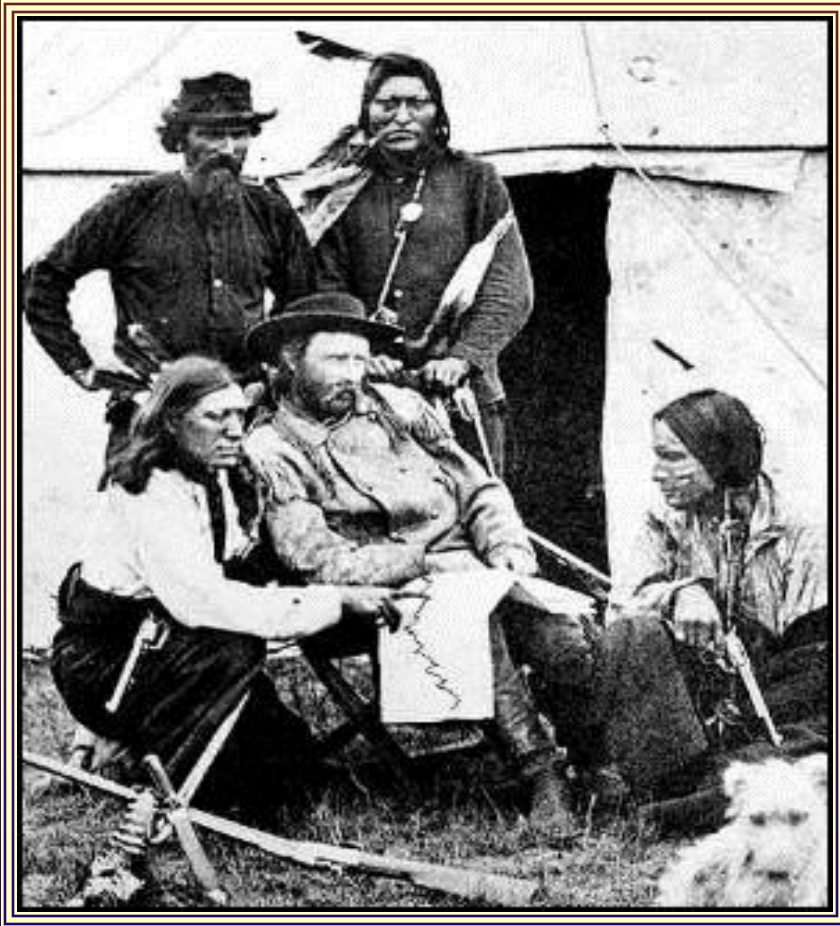


Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse

- ❖ Sitting Bull (Sioux) and Crazy Horse (Cheyenne) were two chiefs who refused to give up their land.
- ❖ *"One does not sell the earth upon which the people walk"*
Crazy Horse



Little Big Horn River, Montana - 1876



- ❖ **George Armstrong Custer was sent to force the Sioux, Cheyenne and Arapaho back to their reservations.**
- ❖ **He was in command of the 7th Calvary.**
- ❖ **June 26, 1876**

The Battle of Little Big Horn 1876

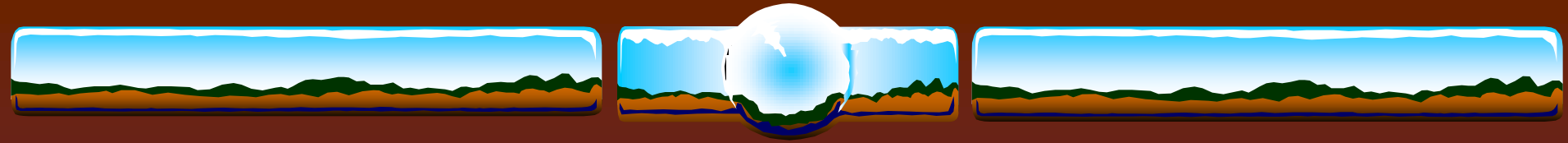


- ❖ He was heavily outnumbered and trapped.
- ❖ Custer & all 220 of his men died.
- ❖ "Custer's Last Stand" outraged Americans and led to govt. retribution.
- ❖ The Sioux and Cheyenne were crushed within a year.









Story of US Little Bighorn

Battle of Wounded Knee – Dec.1890



- ❖ 7th Cavalry rounded up starving and freezing Sioux and took them to Wounded Knee camp.
- ❖ They attempted to confiscate all weapons.

Battle of Wounded Knee – Dec.1890

- ❖ Violence erupted, 300 Indians and 25 whites lay dead.
- ❖ This is the last of the Indian conflicts.



Chief Big Foot

Battle of Wounded Knee – Dec.1890



- The dead of Big Foot's people were buried in a mass grave. The still frozen stiff bodies were dumped unceremoniously into the hole.
- The United States handed out over twenty Congressional Medals of Honor to soldiers of the Seventh Cavalry who had participated in the battle.

Story of US Wounded Knee

INDIAN CONFLICTS

❖ Differences in land ownership ^{clash}


❖ Railroad 



❖ Settlers trespassing
on Indian Land

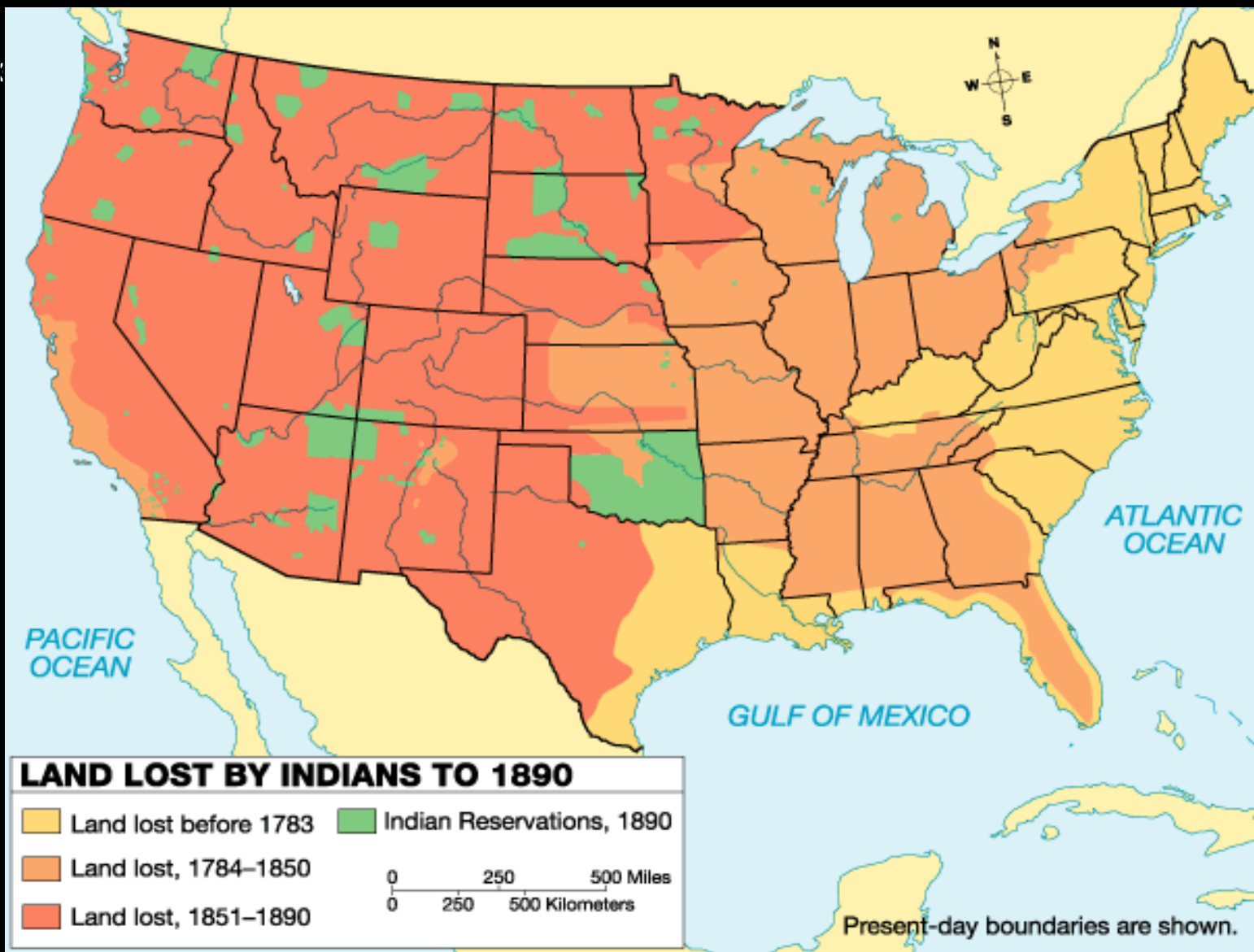


❖ Discovery of gold

❖ Slaughter of the buffalo 

❖ Broken treaties 

Map 1



Use Pages 64-65 in your atlas to answer the following Questions.

- 1. What year was the first transcontinental railroad completed?
- 2. What is the difference in time to cross the country compared to before the railroad?
- 3. What are two ways the railroads changed the US?
- 4. How many miles of track had been laid by 1890?
- 5. What effect did railroads have on buffalo? How about cattle?