

GCSE History Personalised Learning Checklist

Exam Board: Edexcel

My target grade is:

Topic/Module: American West

My predicted grade is:

Year Group: 11

Use this checklist before your assessment to focus your revision, and after to check the effectiveness of your revision

G	I am confident about this topic and I know what I need to do to revise it
A	I am not too sure about this topic, I may need to check with my teacher and spend more time revising this topic
R	I am not confident I could answer a question on this topic. I need to check with my teacher and ensure I have what I need to revise it.

Revision Resources	Topic / Unit Focus	R	A	G
The Early Settlement of The West C1835 -C1862				
	The Plains Indians: their beliefs and way of life			
	What were the social and tribal structures, ways of life and means of survival on the Plains?			
	What were the Plains Indians beliefs about land and nature? What were their attitudes towards war and property?			
	What were the policies of the US Government? How did they support westward expansion?			
	What was the significance of the Permanent Indian Frontier? Explain the Indian Appropriations Act of 1851.			
	Migration and early settlement			
	What factors encourage migration? Include; economic conditions, the Oregon Trail from 1836, the concept of Manifest Destiny and the Gold rush of 1849.			
	What were the key features of Migration? How did develop? What problems did it have? Include: the experiences of the Donner Party and the Morman migration 1846-7.			
	What how did White settlement farming develop and what problems did it face?			

	Conflict and tension			
	Why were there tensions between settlers and the Plains Indians?			
	What is the significance of the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1851?			
	What were the problems of lawlessness in early towns and settlements? How did the American Government and local communities tackle lawlessness?			
Development of the plains c1862-c1876				
	The development of settlement in the West			
	What was the significance of the Civil War?			
	What was the significance of post war reconstruction including the impact of the Homestead act 1862?			
	How important were the railways in settling the west? Include the Pacific Railroad Act of 1862 and the completion of the first Transcontinental Railroad in 1869?			
	What problems were faced by homesteaders and what solutions were found for these? Include; the use of new methods and technology, the impact of the Timber Culture Act of 1873, the spread of the railroad network.			
	What problems of law and order were there in settlements? What solutions were attempted? Include the roles of law officers and increases in federal government influences.			
	Ranching and the Cattle industry			
	What were the key features in the growth of the cattle industry? Include; the roles of Hiff, McCoy and Goodnight, the significance of Abilene and the increasing use of the rail network.			
	How did changes in ranching impact upon cowboys?			
	Why was there rivalry between ranchers and homesteaders?			
	Changes in the way of life of the Plains Indians			
	What impact did railroads, the cattle industry and gold prospecting have on the lives of the Plains Indians?			
	What impact did US Government policy towards the Plains Indians have on them? Include the continued use of reservations and President Grants 'Peace Policy' of 1868			

	What were the key features of conflict with the Plains Indians? Include Little Crow's War (1862), the Sand Creek Massacre (1864)			
	What is the significance of Red Cloud's War of 1866-68 and the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868?			
Conflicts and Conquest c1876 -c1895				
	Changes in farming, the cattle industry and settlement			
	How did farming change? What impact did new technology and new farming methods have?			
	How did the cattle industry change? Include the impact of the winter of 1886-87.			
	How significant were the changes in the nature of ranching and the end of the open range?			
	What were the key features of the growth in settlement? Including the Exoduster movement, Kansas (1879) and the Oklahoma Land Rush of 1893.			
	Conflict and Tension			
	How effective were the solutions to establishing Law and Order? Including Sheriffs and Marshalls.			
	How significant was Billy the Kid?			
	How significant was Wyatt Earp and the OK Corral (1881)?			
	What were the key features of the range wars, including the Johnson County War of 1892?			
	What were the key features of the conflicts with the Plains Indians?			
	What were the key events and the consequences of The battle of Little Big Horn of 1876?			
	What were the key events and the consequences of The Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890?			
	The Plains Indians: the destruction of their way of life			
	What were the causes and consequences of the hunting and extermination of the buffalo?			
	What were the key features of life on the reservations for the Plains Indians?			
	What is significant about how government attitudes changed towards the Plains Indians? Include the Dawes Act of 1887 and the closure of the Indian Frontier.			

Additional Support/ Guidance:

For revision, create: Timelines
Causation charts
Key Individual charts