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**American History 11 – Mr. Ruppert**  
**Chapter 19: Transforming the West, 1865-1890**  
**Homework Packet**

Overview

Chapter 19 explores the transformation of the American West from a pioneer society to a modern society impacted by technology, industrialization, and urbanization. Topics examined in this chapter include Native American culture and the development of the western economy with emphasis on the mining, cattle, and agriculture sectors.

After reading this chapter you should be able to:

1. Discuss the incompatibility of Native American and white cultures during the late nineteenth century, and federal policy toward Native Americans.
2. Describe the effort to "Americanize" Native Americans and the impact of the Dawes Act.
3. Describe the effects of gender imbalance and the impact of racial diversity on the lifestyle and character of western mining camps.
4. Describe the transformation of western mining from an individualistic pursuit into a corporate-controlled industry.
5. Describe the development of the Cattle Kingdom, and the transformation of open-range ranching to a corporate-controlled industry.
6. Explain the life of the cowboy and describe the cow towns.
7. Discuss the limitations of the Homestead Act of 1862 as a means of helping Americans establish their own farms in the West.
8. Explain the role of the railroad in promoting to the West.
9. Describe the adversities faced by western settlers and the unique challenges faced by women settlers.
10. Describe the challenges faced by western farmers and describe how they used invention, technology, and innovation to meet these challenges.
11. Discuss the impact of failed crops and declining crop prices on the livelihoods of western farmers and how these developments created a regional antagonism.

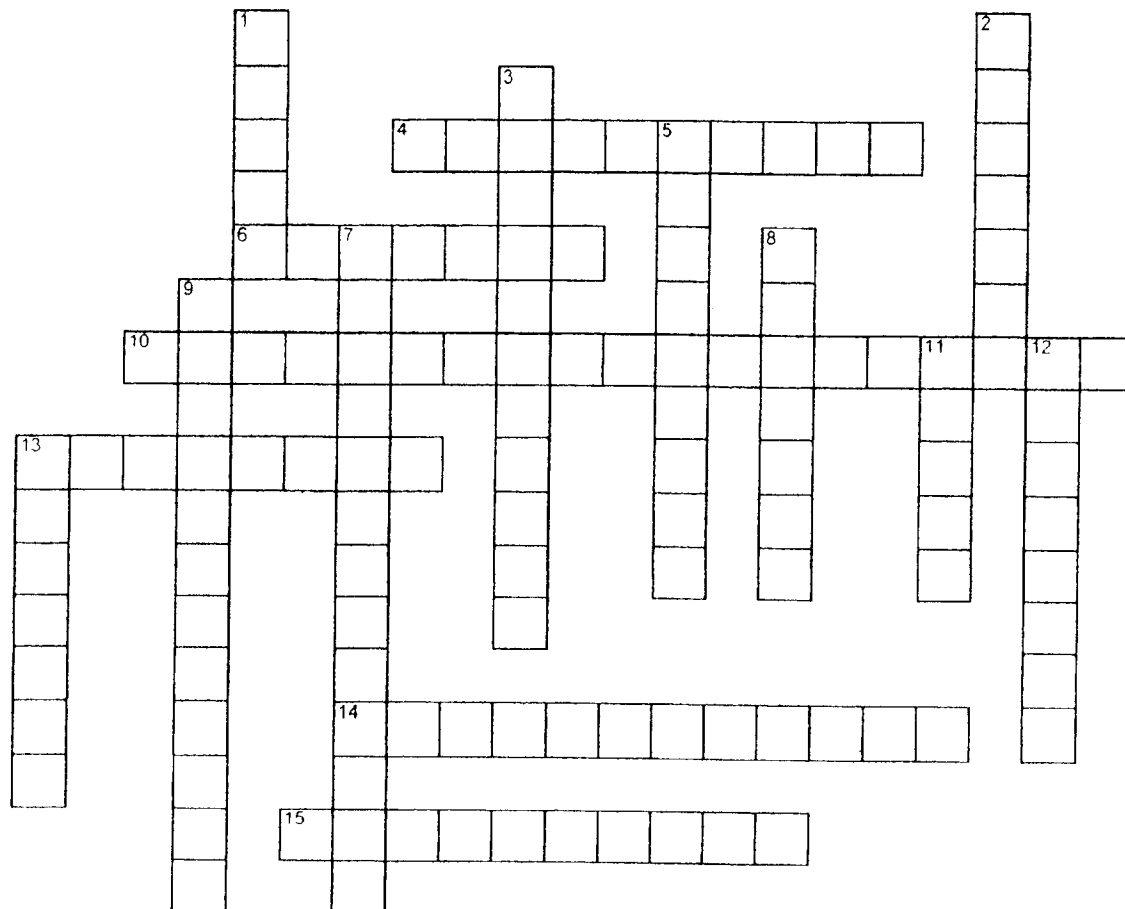
Sections:

1. Subjugating Native Americans
2. Exploiting the Mountains: The Mining Bonanza
3. Exploiting the Grass: The Cattle Kingdom
4. Exploiting the Earth: Homesteaders and Agricultural Expansion

Conclusion

Millions of people migrated westward in search of new opportunities; the achievement of westward expansion is tempered by the treatment of Native Americans and the exploitation of the land. The region became incorporated into the wider American and world economies but the process of this incorporation would leave many westerners discontented, and led by angry farmers, they turned their attention to politics and the government to right the abuses they felt victimized by.

# Chapter 19 Crossword Review



## Across

- 4 Name given to black Americans who moved west to the frontier states of Kansas and Nebraska.
- 6 These business establishments were very numerous in western mining towns, where they served and social centers.
- 10 This term referred to the harsher land of the American West, beyond Missouri, that was less suitable for white habitation and development. (3 words)
- 13 This trail was followed by Texas cattle raisers as they moved their herds north to Kansas railroad connections.
- 14 This 1862 law enabled settlers to get 160 acres of free land if they would live on it and farm it for five years. (2 words)
- 15 The "Golden Spike" was driven in at this Utah summit, linking railroads coast-to-coast in 1869.

## Down

1. This Act, passed in 1887, divided tribal lands among individual Indians
2. This was the first "cow town" for the Texas cattle drives in 1867.
3. Place where the army wiped out the Ghost Dance religious movement of the Sioux in 1890, ending the Indian Wars. (2 words)
5. This was the site of the massacre of Cheyenne Indians by John Chivington and his militia in 1864. (2 words)
7. At this 1876 battle, George A. Custer and his cavalry were defeated by the Sioux and their allies. (2 words)
8. This word was used to refer to a major strike of gold or silver.
9. This was the largest source of paid employment for women in the West during the 1870s until the turn of the 20th century.
11. This was the largest of the Plains Indian tribes
12. The extension of this industry into the West opened much new land to farming and cattle ranching
13. This immigrant group, brought to the US to work on the railroads, often faced racial violence against it in the West.

Directions: Complete the following

Vocabulary Crossword Puzzle (10 points)

Multiple Choice Main Idea Questions (20 points)

Short Essay Questions(20 points)

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**MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.**

- 1) The Central Pacific Railroad company relied heavily on the low-paid, hard work done by 1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - A) laborers who were native-born Americans
  - B) immigrants from eastern Europe
  - C) Chinese immigrants
  - D) British Americans
  
- 2) Which statement best describes the cultures of the tribes that lived throughout the West? 2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - A) Most tribes had a difficult time surviving without the benefits of technology
  - B) Village Indians were having a difficult time living within the balance of nature
  - C) The tribes shared the same rituals in regions from the Mississippi to the Pacific
  - D) A wide spectrum of tribes had successfully adapted their lives to a variety of environments
  
- 3) A common element among all tribes of the West was their 3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - A) belief that nature was to be shared and not privately owned
  - B) use of teepees as an efficient living unit
  - C) nomadic wandering that relied on searching for dietary supplements
  - D) belief in the same gods
  
- 4) What event in 1848 started a huge influx of whites into Indian territory? 4) \_\_\_\_\_
  - A) The discovery of gold in Indian territories
  - B) Passage of the Homestead Act
  - C) The Sand Creek Massacre
  - D) The Battle of Little Big Horn
  
- 5) Simultaneous to white settlers pressing on the eastern edge of the Great Plains, what else was happening? 5) \_\_\_\_\_
  - A) Railroad companies were developing plans to lay tracks across the plains
  - B) Indians were leaving voluntarily
  - C) Other white settlers were continuing to move toward the west, bypassing the plains
  - D) White settlers were dying by the thousands from disease
  
- 6) Which statement about the Sand Creek Massacre is NOT true? 6) \_\_\_\_\_
  - A) The brutal attack included the killing of women and children
  - B) Many white Easterners expressed outrage over the killings
  - C) The fighting began when Indians attacked a mining town
  - D) The Cheyennes were killed despite their avocation of peace

- 7) Whites destroyed the buffalo herds for all of the following reasons EXCEPT 7) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) railroad survey operations disrupted grazing areas
  - B) white sport hunters killed numerous buffaloes
  - C) buffaloes were killed because they were seen as obstructions to railway traffic
  - D) the government believed the Indians would survive better with fewer buffaloes
- 8) The Sioux were finally defeated 8) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) after their defeat at the Battle of Little Big Horn
  - B) due to their inexperience in battle situations
  - C) as a result of Crazy Horse's failed offensive at the Battle of Rosebud
  - D) because it was difficult for them to sustain their traditional Indian economy
- 9) Protestant religious groups persuaded the Bureau of Indian Affairs to frame a criminal code 9) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) prohibiting marriage between Native Americans and whites
  - B) prohibiting the removal of Indians from their native lands
  - C) prohibiting and penalizing tribal religious practices
  - D) prohibiting war among tribes
- 10) What happened at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in 1890? 10) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) The Dawes Act was signed by representatives of the Sioux
  - B) Red Cloud addressed his tribe for the final time
  - C) Geronimo was captured after eluding the army for two years
  - D) At least 200 Sioux men, women, and children were slaughtered
- 11) Effects of the Dawes Act included 11) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) more Indian land being owned by whites
  - B) the widespread conversion of Indians to Christianity
  - C) a sharing of natural resources between whites and Indians
  - D) an immediate attack, by the Sioux, against the U.S. army
- 12) An important gold rush in 1859 occurred in 12) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) the northern mountains of California
  - B) the desert plains of Arizona
  - C) the mountains of Colorado
  - D) northwestern Oregon
- 13) All of the following statements are true about typical mining towns EXCEPT 13) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) populations were overwhelmingly male
  - B) saloons were very prevalent among local businesses
  - C) personal violence was less common than collective acts of violence
  - D) as towns developed, local agriculture and transportation decreased

- 14) Which statement about prostitutes in mining towns is NOT true? 14) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) Many prostitutes came from broken homes
  - B) As men came to control vice, many prostitutes suffered alcoholism and violence
  - C) Many women chose prostitution because economic options were limited for them
  - D) Most prostitutes were able to save enough to buy small homes or businesses
- 15) Mining eventually became a corporate operation because 15) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) individual miners left the region because of conflict with Indians
  - B) Indians sold their native lands to mining capitalists
  - C) massive capital investment in equipment was conducive to financial success
  - D) ethnic disputes destroyed unity in old mining towns
- 16) To protect their interests while corporations were taking over, miners 16) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) learned other skills
  - B) demanded greater pay
  - C) organized unions
  - D) practiced passive resistance
- 17) The development of mining technology resulted in 17) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) less use of skilled labor
  - B) much higher wages for mine workers
  - C) economic depression in the West
  - D) less deaths on the job
- 18) Violence and conflict often erupted between miners and mine owners due to 18) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) the lack of law enforcement in the West
  - B) the refusal of owners to use court injunctions
  - C) the practice of hiring native-born labor
  - D) conditions caused by the industrialization of mining
- 19) The cattle industry and "cattle drives" originated in 19) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) Kansas
  - B) Texas
  - C) California
  - D) the Dakotas
- 20) All of the following statements about the Cattle Kingdom are true EXCEPT 20) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) the food needs of urban areas in the East aided the economic growth of the West
  - B) large-scale capital investment was not a major part of the Cattle Kingdom's growth
  - C) the expansion of the railway industry helped transport meat throughout the U.S.
  - D) cowboys often became independent stock raisers themselves
- 21) Joseph McCoy made an important decision when he 21) \_\_\_\_\_
- A) decided to counter-attack Sioux forces near Wounded Knee, South Dakota
  - B) invested large amounts of capital to mine ore in Colorado
  - C) established a northern shipping point for cattle in Abilene, Kansas
  - D) sponsored passage of the Dawes Act

- 22) The Chisholm Trail was used to 22) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) make it easier for pioneers to enter California  
 B) move the Sioux to government-run reservations  
 C) ship mining deposits to the East  
 D) drive cattle northward
- 23) What country introduced cattle to the Southwest in the eighteenth century? 23) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) France                      B) Germany                      C) Mexico                      D) Spain
- 24) The corporate cattle boom collapsed because 24) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) the industry never succeeded in attracting foreign capital  
 B) law enforcers could never stop the persistent stealing of cattle  
 C) corporations overstocked ranges which caused ecological disaster  
 D) cowboys refused to work on corporate-owned ranges
- 25) Ecological disasters that plagued the Cattle Kingdom included all of the following EXCEPT 25) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) the overgrowth of sagebrush as a result of overstocked ranges  
 B) a series of deadly tornadoes that destroyed commercial ranges  
 C) a prolonged drought that lasted through the mid-1880s  
 D) the death of millions of cattle during the blizzards of the late 1880s
- 26) Which group was NOT a major part of the people known as "cowboys"? 26) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) African-Americans  
 B) Irish-Americans who left urban areas in the East  
 C) Mexican-Americans  
 D) Ex-Confederates who did not return home after the Civil War
- 27) All of the following statements are true about cowboys EXCEPT 27) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) landowners never stopped cowboys from the practice of 'mavericking' cattle  
 B) they sometimes went on strike to protest low wages  
 C) their image of rugged individuality was more myth than reality  
 D) cowboys were initially seasonal employees who worked closely with owners
- 28) The Homestead Act 28) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) promised freedom from taxation for middle-class landholders in the West  
 B) guaranteed free acres of land to citizens who farmed the land for five years  
 C) actually had the effect of slowing white settlement in the West  
 D) gave away far more land to common people than had been given to railway companies

- 29) Farming in the West 29) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) was very similar to the conditions of the family farm of the East  
B) failed to become a major aspect of local economies  
C) was stimulated by the fact that most settlers received their land for free  
D) required a much larger scale of farming to achieve success
- 30) Railway companies encouraged settlers to come to the West 30) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) because they could not find laborers to build rail lines  
B) so they would grow food that could be transported on rail lines  
C) because they wanted to distribute free land to new settlers  
D) so that Christianity could become the official religion in state constitutions
- 31) White pioneers on the Great Plains faced all of the following problems EXCEPT 31) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) scarcities of water that harmed survival and domestic labor  
B) the loud clamoring of crowded neighbors who rushed to build housing  
C) a shortage of trees which meant there was little wood for housing  
D) sod houses being plagued by snakes, mice, and insects
- 32) A lack of timber caused a shortage of fencing that was finally solved by 32) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) the invention of barbed wire  
B) less rigid concepts of private property  
C) military patrols of land boundaries belonging to small farmers  
D) a reliance on free-range farming
- 33) The Santa Fe Ring 33) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) resisted the settlement of Anglo ranchers  
B) petitioned the president to endure civil rights for Indians  
C) were laborers from France and Italy who worked in vineyards  
D) seized millions of acres through fraud and legal manipulation
- 34) Which statement would have most likely been said by a member of Las Gorras Blancas? 34) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) "We must coexist with white property-owners if we are to prosper"  
B) "Retaining Hispanic titles to great tracts of land is our greatest accomplishment"  
C) "We raid at night, if needed, to stop the Anglo encroachment on our land"  
D) "We denounce the portion of our heritage that is Indian"
- 35) Many farmers of the Great Plains turned to growing wheat because 35) \_\_\_\_\_  
A) the market for corn and cotton no longer existed  
B) farmers in the East had a monopoly on all other products  
C) it was more resistant to drought than corn  
D) the government subsidized small farmers' efforts to grow it

- 36) As western farming was incorporated into national life, it relied on all of the following EXCEPT 36) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) rail transportation B) growing markets  
 C) increased mechanization D) foreign capital
- 37) The westward expansion had all of the following effects EXCEPT 37) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) specialization of farm labor in the West  
 B) aggressive exploitation of natural resources  
 C) vast wealth for many pioneers  
 D) the displacing of all Indian tribes
- 38) What is the correct order of events? 38) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) Sand Creek Massacre, Battle of Little Big Horn, gold found in Colorado  
 B) Gold found in Colorado, Sand Creek Massacre, Battle of Little Big Horn  
 C) Sand Creek Massacre, gold found in Colorado, Battle of Little Big Horn  
 D) Battle of Little Big Horn, gold found in Colorado, Sand Creek Massacre
- 39) Which event happened last? 39) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) Gold discovered in Idaho  
 B) The Battle of Little Big Horn  
 C) The massacre at Wounded Knee, South Dakota  
 D) Transcontinental railroad completed
- 40) Which headline would have appeared in 1890? 40) \_\_\_\_\_  
 A) "Invention of Barbed Wire Will Revolutionize Farming on the Great Plains"  
 B) "Civil-War General Custer Killed by Sioux Attack"  
 C) "Rail Line Stretches to Pacific Coast!"  
 D) "Ghost Dance Ended as Militia Executes Sioux"

**ESSAY. Write your answer in the space provided or on a separate sheet of paper.**

41) (Essay (10 points))

Evaluate Sitting Bull's contention that the Plains Indians and whites "cannot live together." What evidence supports his claim? Can you think of policies or decisions, if they had been used, that would have made it possible for the two peoples to peacefully coexist? If not, why not?

42) Essay: (10 points)

The first transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869. Discuss the ways in which over the next two decades, railroads shaped the settlement patterns and economic development of the West as they tied the region into the national (and international) economy. Give examples of the positive and negative effects of the rail lines spreading from coast to coast.