

**AP US HISTORY
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STUDY GUIDE FOR CHAPTER 16

“The American West”

Chapter 16 NET (Names, Events, Terms) - Understand the following terms - who, what, when, where, how, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY - why - why were they included in this listing?

Sioux	Buffalo
Union Pacific, Central Pacific	Land grants
Promontory Point, Utah	Texas longhorn cattle, Long drive, cattle towns
Homestead Act	Bureau of Indian Affairs
Chief Joseph, Nez Perce	Battle of Little Big Horn
George Custer	Oklahoma Land Rush
Helen Hunt Jackson, <i>A Century of Dishonor</i>	Dawes Act
Wokova, Ghost Dance	Wounded Knee
Boom towns	Comstock lode
Chinese Exclusion Act	Mark Twain
John Muir	Sierra Club
Los Angeles Aqueduct	

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Reading Questions

1. What caused conflict between Native Americans and white settlers after the Civil War?
2. What strategies and technologies did the federal government use to remove Indians from their lands? Why did the Indians lose?
3. Who moved west after the Civil War? What drew them there?
4. Describe the different cultural groups in the American Far West (especially California) and the relationships between them.

Sample Essay Question

For whom and to what extent was the American West a land of opportunity from 1865-1890?