**Questions for Chapter 16: The West**

1. What Civilizations existed in the American West before the Expansion of the Unites States?

2. Who made up the first wave of western migration? What type of Americans made up the second wave?

3. What two groups were the largest non-American (and non-Indian) peoples in the West?

4. Why did the Chinese come to the American West? How were they treated?

5. How did the American government respond to Chinese Immigration?

6. Provide a brief description of Mormonism. Who was its founder? Who Led them to the Great Salt Lake and Why?

7. What federal laws made it possible for the rapid expansion of the West? Who took advantage of these laws?

8. Describe the difference between:

Boom towns and Cattle Towns

Secular Society and Theocracy

Range Wars and Plains Wars

9. What benefit to continental communication did the intercontinental railroad provide?

10. What were the four main motivations that helped the promotion of western settlement? What was real and/or mythological about these four motivations?

11. What was the thesis of Frederick Jackson Turner?

12. Were the conquerors of the western Frontier brave determined people full of spirit of Democracy, equality and liberty?

13. Was the west a refuge or a land of opportunity for non-white Americans and immigrants?

14. What was the American Government’s policy toward the American Plains Indians?

15. What were the three choices that American Indians had in response to the policy of the American government and the actions of American citizens?

16. Describe the importance of the following people to the relationship between American Indians and other Americans:

Little Crow

J.M. Chivington

Crazy Horse

Sitting Bull

George Custer

Chief Joseph

Cochise

Geronimo

Wovoka

16. Explain the difference between the Battles of Little Big Horse and Wounded Knee.

17. What was the Dawes Severalty Act and how did it affect American Indians?

18. What led to the economic bust in farming in the late 1880s?

19. Who did farmers blame for the bust?

20. What were the difficulties of being a plains farmer?

21. What was the myth of the west? The reality?