

Goal Four Study Guide



1. What congressional acts encouraged and promoted westward expansion during the 1860s?
2. Who were exodusters?
3. What problems did western settlers confront?
4. Describe different actions of resistance used by Native Americans.
5. Why was the Dawes Act passed?
6. Compare and contrast boomers, sooners, farmers, and miners.
7. Describe the typical day of a cowboy. How does it differ from modern myths?
8. What measures were taken to assimilate Native Americans?
9. How did settlers “tame the frontier”?
10. What was the Turner thesis?
11. Discuss the importance of buffalo on the frontier.
12. What problems plagued farmers on the frontier?
13. What was the platform of the Populist Party?
14. How did the campaign methods of the Populists differ from those used by other candidates?
15. What was significant about the Cross of Gold Speech?
16. Why did farmers want “free silver”?
17. Discuss the importance of the 1896 election.
18. What long-term effects did western settlement have upon the natural habitation of the region?
19. How did new and improved technological innovation impact agricultural practices used on the western frontier?
20. What effect did the railroad have on western development?