

## American West Revision Activities

1. Explain what the following words mean: *nomadic, bands and tribe*
2. List the different tasks Indians needed to complete in order to survive. Next to each point note down who was responsible for the task. Explain what this allocation of tasks suggest about the Indians.
3. Draw a picture of a buffalo. Label the parts of a buffalo the Indians would use explaining what they would use the part for.
4. Create a mind map to illustrate government policy towards the Indians. Be sure to mention the Acts by name and how they impacted on the Indians
5. Create a table to show the pull and push factors for westward migration
6. Explain which factor you think is the most influential
7. Create a fact file for the Homestead Act and the First Transcontinental Railroad. Which do you think was more important in encouraging the settlement of the west.
8. Draw a picture of a Homestead and label the problems farmers on the plains encountered. Around the drawing add what farmers did to overcome these problems
9. Create a flow diagram to show the terms and consequences of the Fort Laramie Treaty (1851)
10. Create a mind map illustrating the reasons for the growth in the cattle industry
11. Draw a table to show the differences on the plains before and after homesteading
12. Do a mind map of the factors which impacted on the Plains Indians (1862 – 76). Highlight the factors you consider to be the most important and add links between the factors
13. Create a fact file on the Battle of Little Big Horn
14. Write a narrative account analysing the ways in which the cattle industry grew in the years 1865–74.  
You may use the following in your answer:
  - The Goodnight-Loving Trail (1866)
  - The introduction of barbed wire (1874)
  - You **must** also use information of your own.
- 15 . Explain **two** of the following:
  - The importance of the opening of the First Transcontinental Railroad (1869) for the settlement of the West.
  - The importance of the winter of 1886–87 for the cattle industry.
  - The importance of the Dawes Act (1887) for the way of life of the Plains Indians.