

American History II – Goal 1 Review

1. What was the purpose of the Homestead Act?
2. What was the purpose of the Morrill Land Grant Act?
3. What role did Chinese and Irish immigrants play in building the Transcontinental Railroad?
4. What pull factors led many immigrants West?
5. What caused many African Americans to migrate West?
6. What was life like for the homesteaders?
7. What was the effect of the Dawes Act?
8. How did the destruction of the buffalo affect the Native Americans?
9. Who wrote A Century of Dishonor?
10. Who were the leaders of the Sioux Indians at the battle of the Little Bighorn?
11. Why was the Battle of Wounded Knee important?
12. What was the goal of assimilation?
13. What was the main cause of Indian wars between 1860 and 1890?
14. The Populists were supported by which two groups?
15. What was the source of conflict between farmers and railroads during the late 19th century?
16. Why did farmers and laborers favor bimetallism?
17. What was the purpose of the Interstate Commerce Act?
18. What message did William Jennings Bryan give in his “Cross of Gold” speech?
19. What was the outcome of the Election of 1896? What political party won?
20. What was the lasting impact of the Populist movement?
21. What was a result of technological improvements in farming?
22. Which process was greatly improved by the mechanical reaper?
23. How did the invention of barbed wire impact the West?
24. Where was the final stake driven to complete the Transcontinental Railroad?
25. How did inventions change farming on the Great Plains?
26. What is a ghost town?
27. What is manifest destiny?