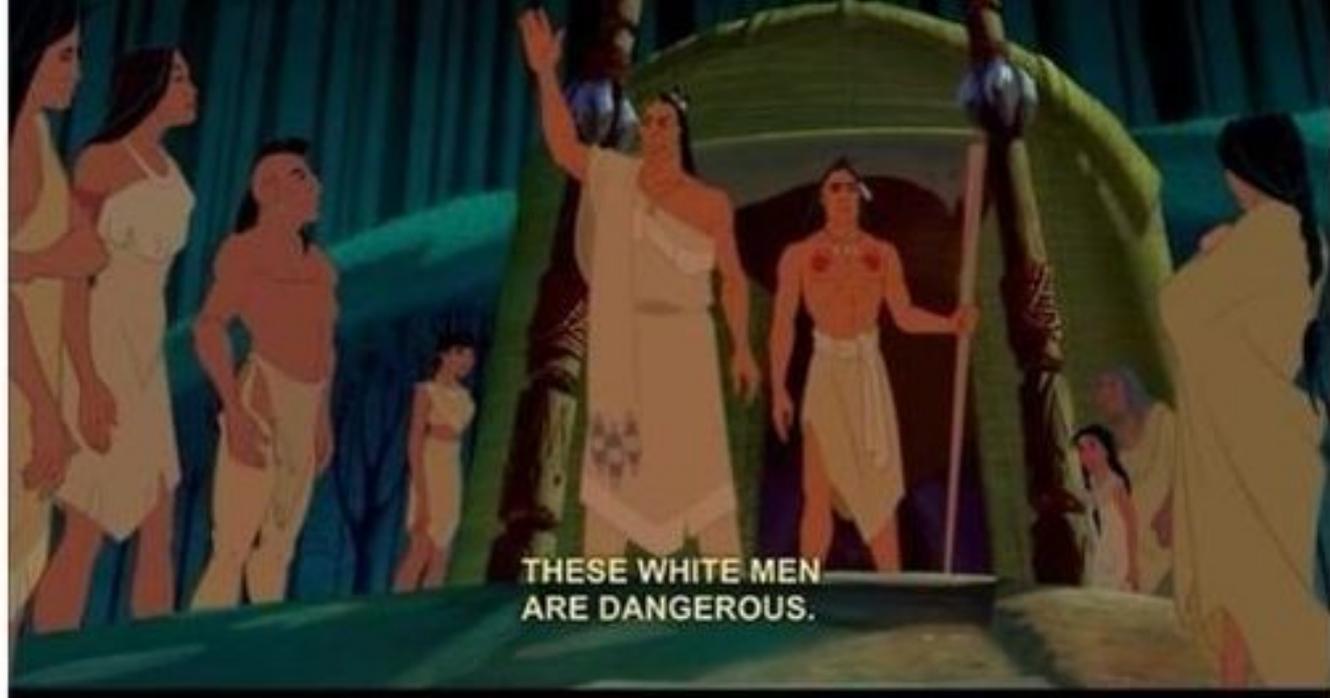




THE OLD WEST

A Collision with the Indians



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world history

In one sentence

SIoux INDIANS

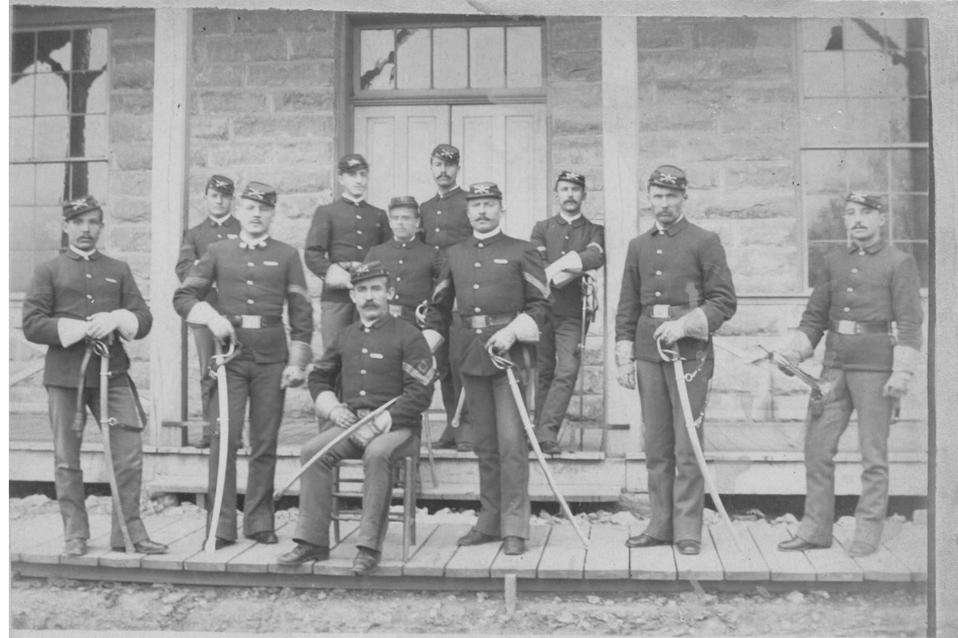
- Black Hills Area
 - Last good hunting grounds
 - Sacred ground
- Gold is discovered & the whites pour in
- Fort Laramie Treaty
 - Gov't was to remove the miners; instead the 7th cavalry came to remove the Indians





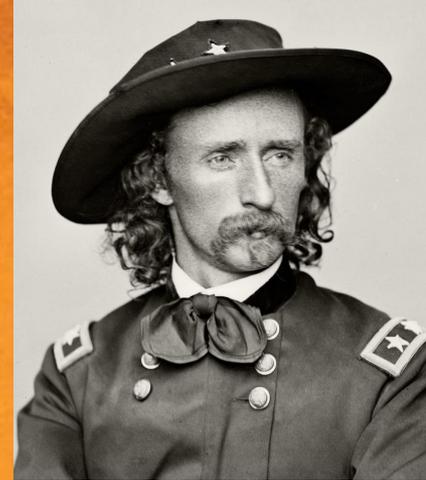
7TH CAVALRY

- US military regiment
- Patrol Western plains
- Protect Americans against raids
- Brought together N&S military

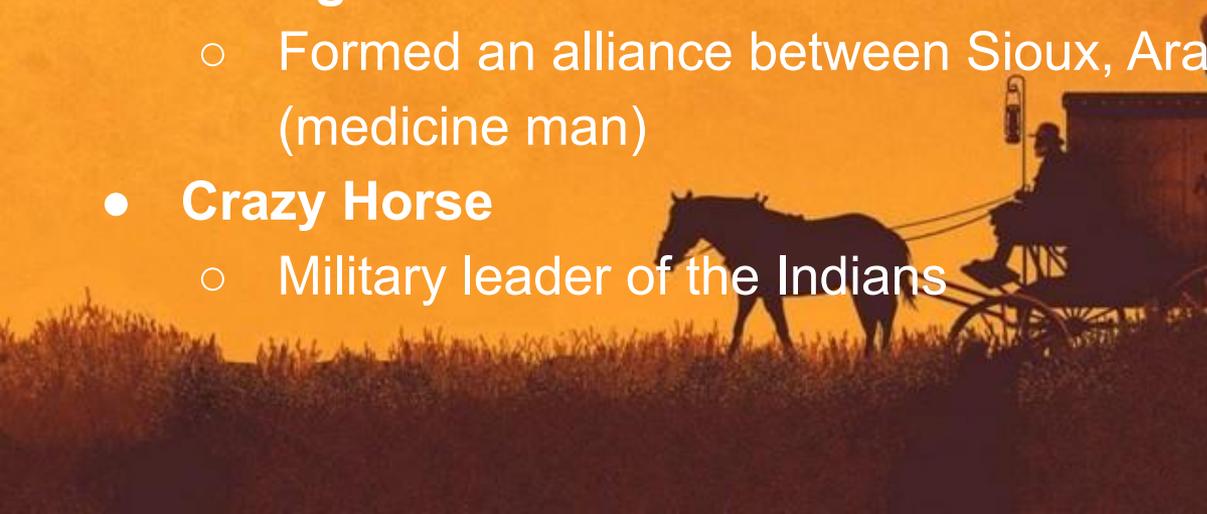




THE LEADERS



- **Lt. Colonel George Armstrong Custer**
 - Civil War Hero
 - Nutbag
- **Sitting Bull**
 - Formed an alliance between Sioux, Arapaho, Cheyenne (medicine man)
- **Crazy Horse**
 - Military leader of the Indians



CUSTER'S LAST STAND/BATTLE OF LITTLE BIGHORN

- 3-pronged attack
- uncoordinated
- Custer & 215 dead
- Made Indians out to be savages
- Led to attacks on the Indians



THINKING POINT - WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Compare and contrast Custer, Crazy Horse, and Sitting Bull so far as leaders. If you were to cast them as television characters, who do they most remind you of, and what? What characteristics do they share with this television/film character?



WINTER CAMPAIGN '77

- Sitting Bull escapes to Canada - refused to surrender
 - Does so 4 yrs later
- Crazy Horse on the run - refused to surrender
 - Running out of food/ammo
- Americans want revenge
- General Nelson Miles - Winter attack
- Openfire - CH fends off long enough to get women/children out safely
- Crazy Horse realizes they won't stop until he does.



WOUNDED KNEE

- Ghost Dance** - Sioux danced to bring land back to Indians
- 7th Cavalry rounded up Indians & searched for weapons
- Scuffle broke out
- Hotchkiss machine gun killed 200 Indians & 35 whites

20 medals of honor awarded



WOUNDED KNEE



*When Congress finally realized what they had done was wrong the answer was...“[Americanize](#) them”

- Federal Indian Schools
 - Assimilation
- Gender Roles
 - “Stop treating women like people”
- Vocational training

Stamp out Native American Culture

Is the thought of Americanizing around today?



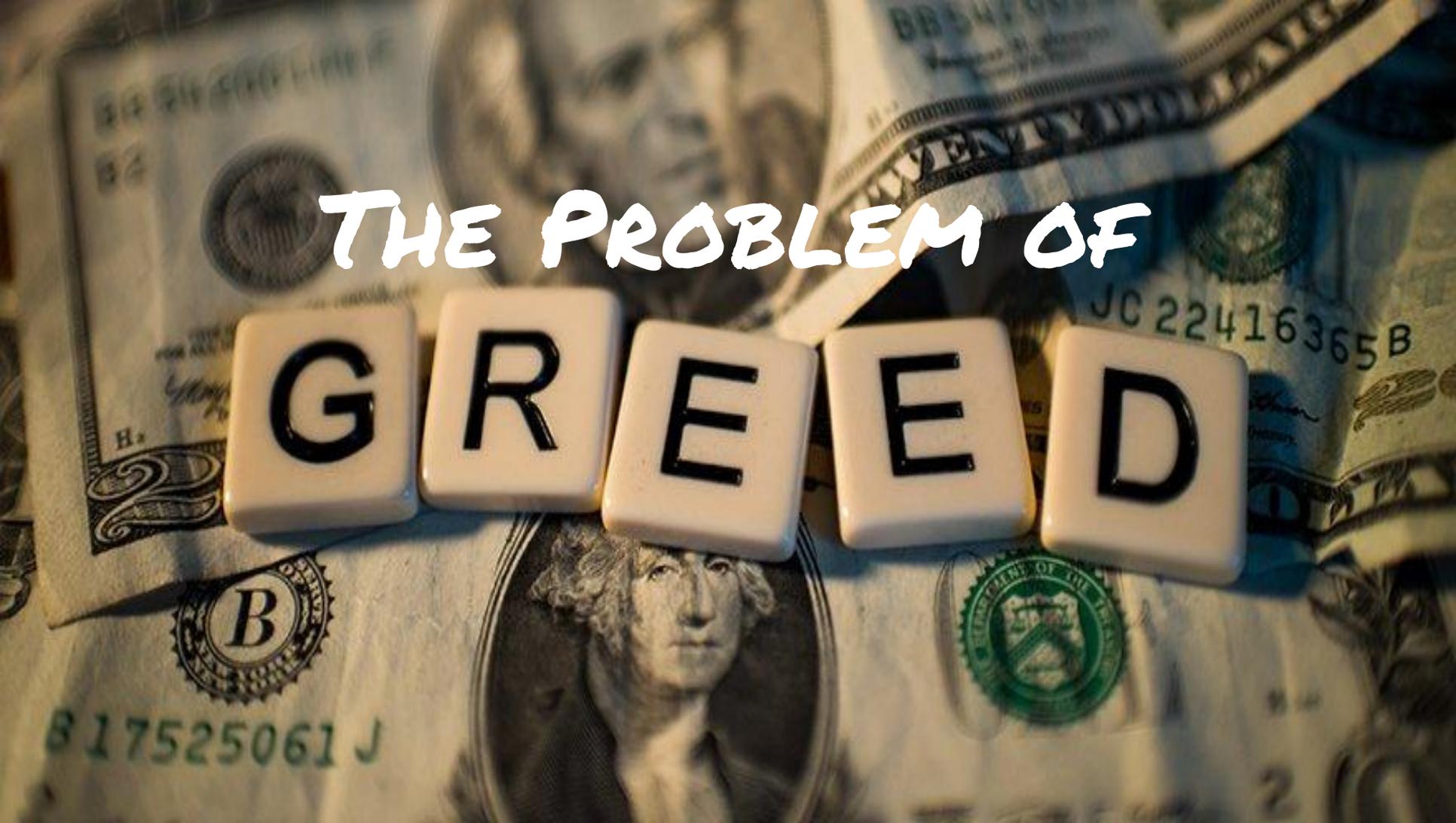
SHORT RESPONSE/EXIT SLIP

-Take out a sheet of paper. Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Answer with your opinion/experiences; not just what you think I want to hear!

Was it right to want to Americanize the Indians? Have you ever felt the pressure to change to fit in? What did you do? What were the effects?

THE PROBLEM OF

G R E E D



SHORT RESPONSE

America has long been labeled a greedy nation. What are examples you see of greed in America today? What are some examples from your own life? Have we come to accept greed?

AMERICANIZATION CONTINUES

Dawes Act-

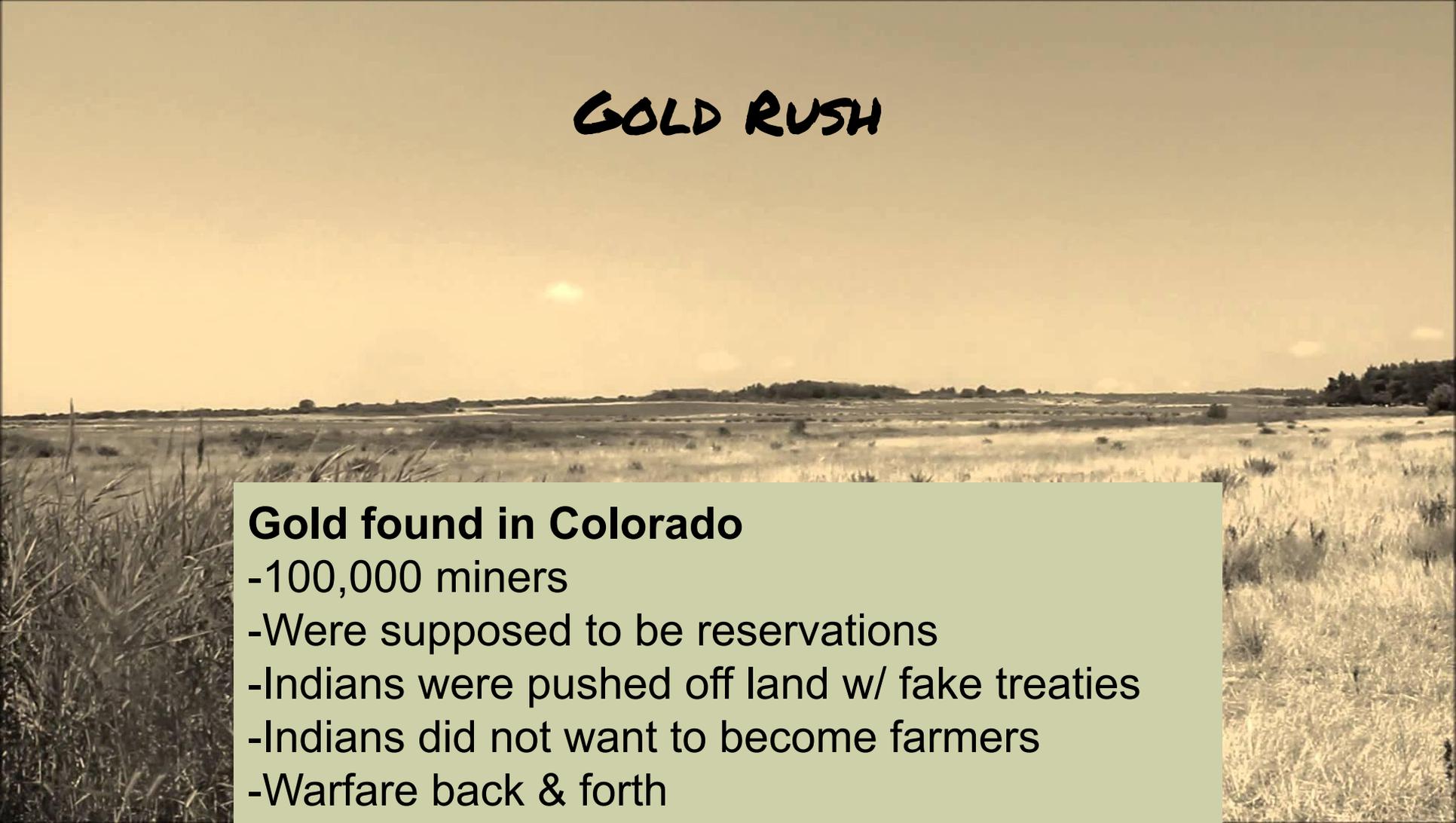
- 1887 Abolished Tribes / gave land
 - Failure-Not taught to farm
 - Not given equipment
 - No health services (disease)
 - Education was white education
 - Created a cultural & generational gap
- 1800s**
- Americans avoided Indians
 - Land was un-farmable
 - “Great American Desert”



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GOLD RUSH



Gold found in Colorado

- 100,000 miners
- Were supposed to be reservations
- Indians were pushed off land w/ fake treaties
- Indians did not want to become farmers
- Warfare back & forth

CHIVINGTON MASSACRE

- Indians in Colorado forced into Sand Creek reservations
- Sand Creek had no food supply
- Indians were mad but wanted peace
- Colonel Chivington wanted Indians to suffer
- November 29, 1864 killed 450 sleeping Indians

CHIVINGTON MASSACRE

I saw the bodies of those lying there cut all to pieces, worse mutilated than any I ever saw before; the women cut all to pieces...With knives; scalped; their brains knocked out; children two or three months old; all ages lying there, from suckling infants up to warriors...By whom were they mutilated? By the United States troops...

-John S. Smith, Congressional Testimony of Mr. John S. Smith, 1865

CHIVINGTON MASSACRE

I saw one squaw lying on the bank, whose leg had been broken. A soldier came up to her with a drawn sabre. She raised her arm to protect herself; he struck, breaking her arm. She rolled over, and raised her other arm; he struck, breaking that, and then left her without killing her. I saw one squaw cut open, with an unborn child lying by her side.

-Robert Bent, New York Tribune

CHIVINGTON MASSACRE

There was one little child, probably three years old, just big enough to walk through the sand. The Indians had gone ahead, and this little child was behind, following after them. The little fellow was perfectly naked, travelling in the sand. I saw one man get off his horse at a distance of about seventy-five yards and draw up his rifle and fire. He missed the child. Another man came up and said, 'let me try the son of a b-. I can hit him.' He got down off his horse, kneeled down, and fired at the little child, but he missed him. A third man came up, and made a similar remark, and fired, and the little fellow dropped.

HOW?

- Winchester repeating rifle - “Gun that won the west”
- Slaughter of the bison (1865 15 million bison—1886 600 bison)
- Railroad took away from the Indian way of life

THE WINCHESTERS



- William Wirt + Sarah Winchester
 - Will dies of TB in '81 → Sarah inherits \$20.5 mil
 - 50% ownership of Winchester RAC - earning \$1k a day
- Moves from CT to CA
 - Felt haunted by victims of their company
- Farmhouse → Mansion
 - Workers 24/7, 365 days a year
 - No overlying architectural plan
 - Stairs that lead nowhere, windows overlooking rooms, roomless doors
 - Shifting floor
 - 161 rooms, 47 fireplaces, 3 elevators





ESSAY RESPONSE - USE COMPLETE SENTENCES. 3-5 SENTENCES PER QUESTION

-Where does the treatment of the Indians rank in American history?

-Is there any justification in the actions of the US government?

-What were the results of these actions on the world we live in today?

Research reservations today. What are the conditions? What are the issues? Use current events/news articles/etc to answer these questions.

-What would happen if this happened in today's America?



Myths of the West

Cowboys n' things



COWBOYS



- Began w/ the cattle industry from Mexico
- Spaniards brought horses over 1519
- 1st Cowboys were Mexican & brought trade to Texas

Joseph McCoy

- Built a shipyard in Abilene, Kansas- On Chisholm Trail
- Cattle driven from Texas to Kansas → shipped to Chicago

THE CATTLE DRIVES

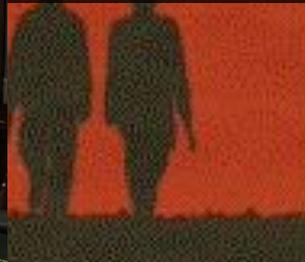
- 1000 to 3000 cattle
- 8-18 cowboys
- Cowtowns
- 1 cook w/ a chuck wagon
- Sunrise to sunset
- Camp for a few hours around noon to let animals rest
- 10 to 20 miles a day
- Long drive - 3 to 4 months



FEARS ON THE DRIVES

1. Stampede
2. Thunder & lightning
3. Rivers & floods
4. Drought

*At the end of the drive they would party & gamble in cities & then return home



FACT VS FICTION



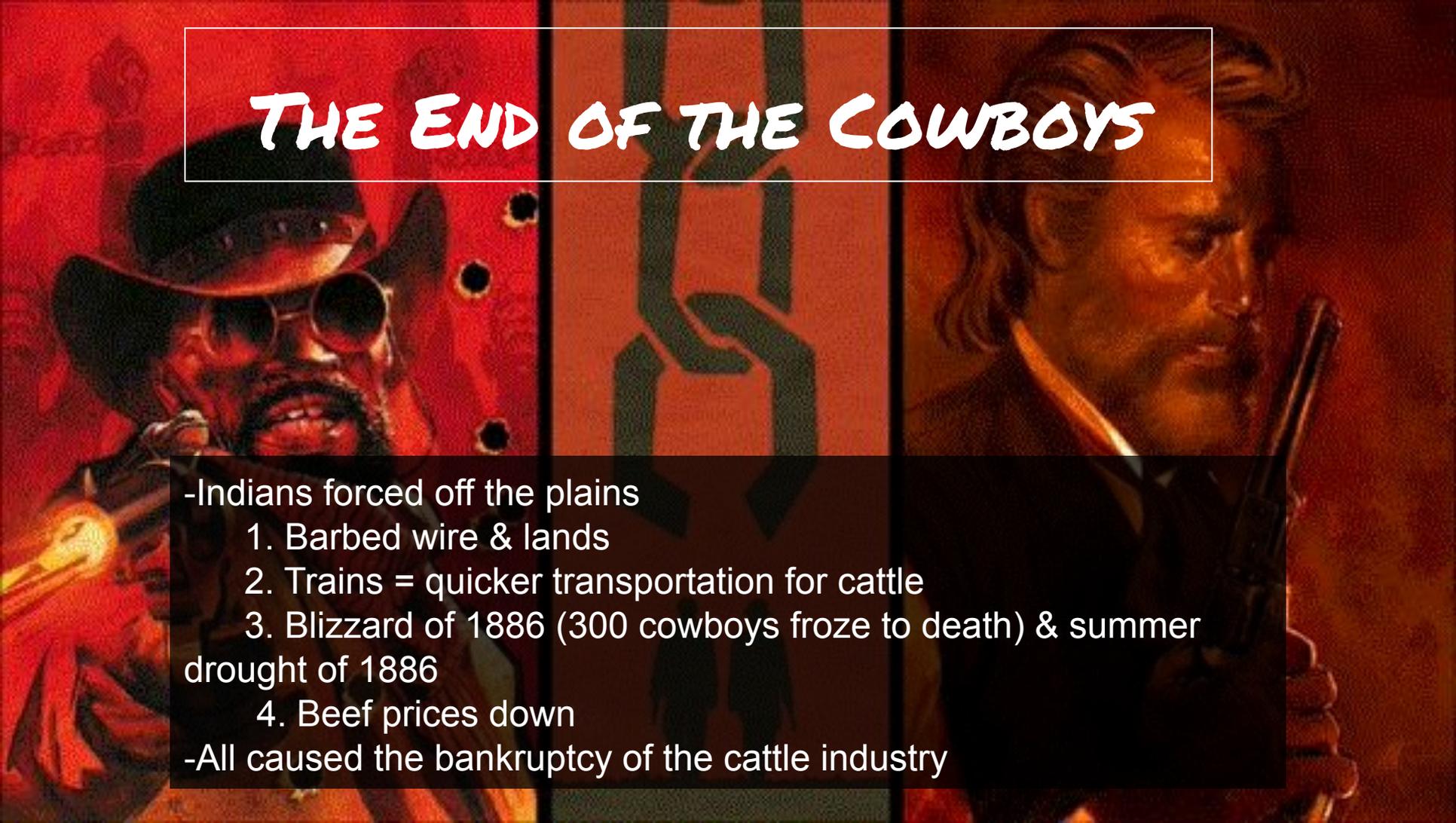
-Black hats & saloon fights

Exposure

-Cowboy [movies](#) gained popularity due to [Buffalo](#) Bill's Wild West show & the silent picture's need for action

FACT

- 1/7 were African American
- Violence in the West was very overplayed by the film industry
 - [Billy](#) the Kid
- 1st murder at 13, was killed at 22
- Not nearly as glamorous as the movies
 - Was actually seen as a normal criminal



THE END OF THE COWBOYS

-Indians forced off the plains

1. Barbed wire & lands
2. Trains = quicker transportation for cattle
3. Blizzard of 1886 (300 cowboys froze to death) & summer drought of 1886
4. Beef prices down

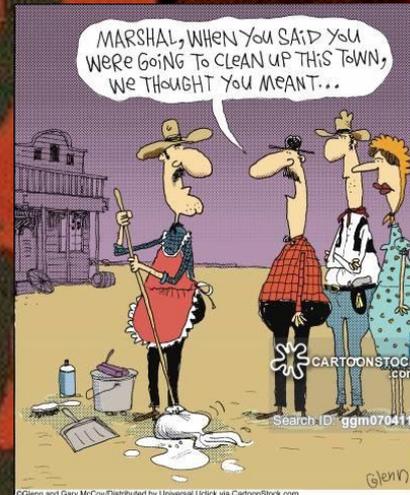
-All caused the bankruptcy of the cattle industry

CREATE A CARTOON!

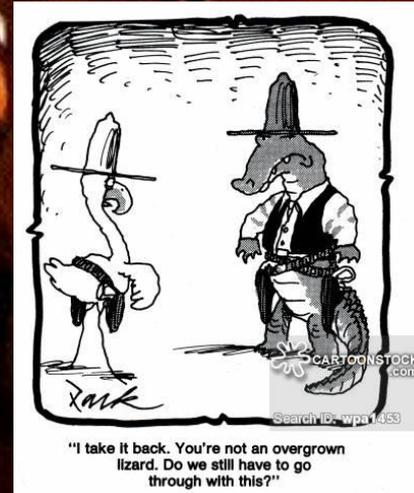
Draw/Create a cartoon/comic strip concerning anything we've discussed so far in this unit. Examples include Cowboys, Native Americans, Gold Rush, Cattle Drives, etc.



PENSION PLANS OF THE OLD WEST



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Farmers tame the frontier

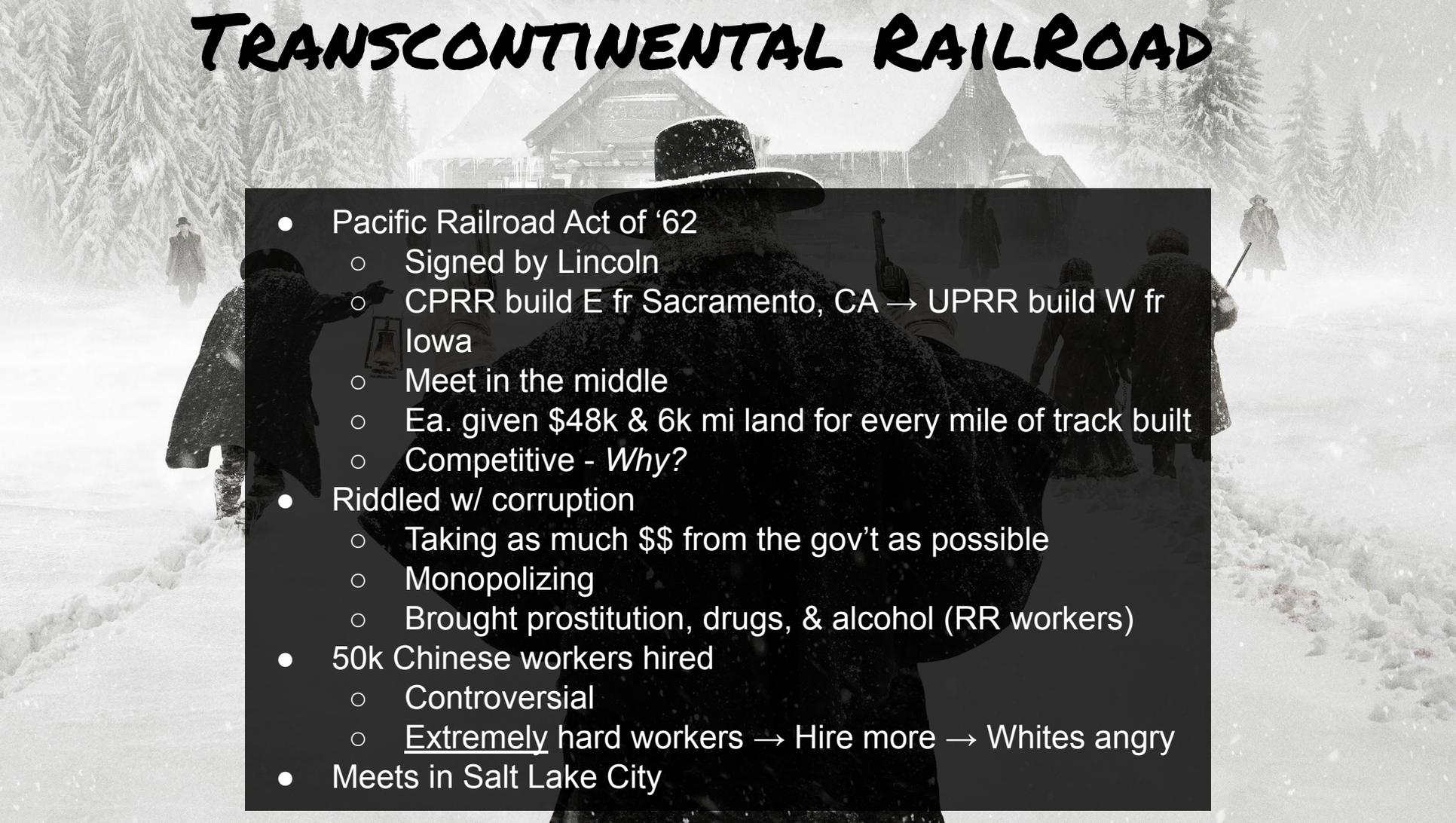
What would cause people to move across the country? What causes people to move now? What would make you move your family to someplace unfamiliar? What causes immigrants to blindly come to the US?

INCENTIVES TO MOVE WEST

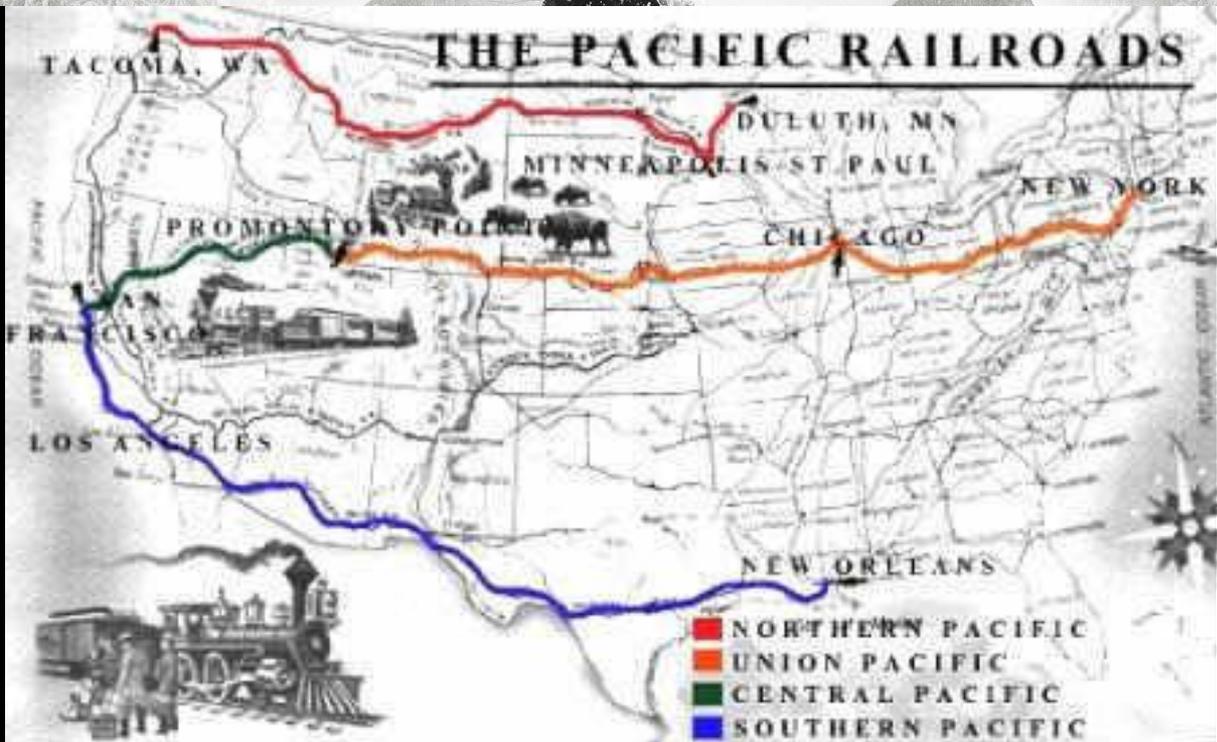
PUSH-PULL FACTORS

- 1862 Homestead Act
 - 270 mil acres
 - Get people to move out west - Men, women, PoC
 - Later, to negate plantations/slave style
- 4 Transcont'l RR were built - Pacifics
 - Before - \$1k to cross country → After - \$100
 - 1869 - Complete RR to California
 - 1866 - 2 mil whites → 1891 8.5 mil
- Oklahoma gave land to settlers-Sooners ran from line to land

TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD



- Pacific Railroad Act of '62
 - Signed by Lincoln
 - CPRR build E fr Sacramento, CA → UPRR build W fr Iowa
 - Meet in the middle
 - Ea. given \$48k & 6k mi land for every mile of track built
 - Competitive - *Why?*
- Riddled w/ corruption
 - Taking as much \$\$ from the gov't as possible
 - Monopolizing
 - Brought prostitution, drugs, & alcohol (RR workers)
- 50k Chinese workers hired
 - Controversial
 - Extremely hard workers → Hire more → Whites angry
- Meets in Salt Lake City





ENGINEER AND PASSENGERS POSE WITH THE CARSON AND TAHOE LUMBER AND FLUMING CO. TRAIN AT DEVIL'S GATE IN LOWER PRAY MEADOW, NEAR GLENBROOK ON LAKE TAHOE'S EAST SHORE, IN JULY 1898. THE CHILDREN IN FRONT ARE: RALPH BARRETT, ZELMA GRIFFIN, AND MILTON KISER. MRS. LOVELLA BARRETT SITS ON LEFT ROCK, AND MILL SUPERIN-ENDENT NORMAN SCOFFIELD STANDS AT FAR RIGHT.

COURTESY OF THE NEVADA STATE MUSEUM

MANIFEST DESTINY

- Doctrine/belief that the expansion of the US throughout the American continents was both justified & inevitable - God-given right
 - Drove W-ward expansion
- Frederick Jackson Turner - “Frontier Thesis”
 - Move from European mindset, “high culture”, aristocrats, etc.
 - Democracy formed by the expanding frontier
 - New US mentality & culture



LIFE ON THE FRONTIER

- Sod houses-30 inch thick walls/door frames made from packing box
- Kansas- Dugout home
 - Dug into the side of a hill or cliff
- What was the big advantage these two types gave them?
- Problems:
 - Weather was extreme
 - Loneliness - no close neighbors
 - Start from scratch- make everything

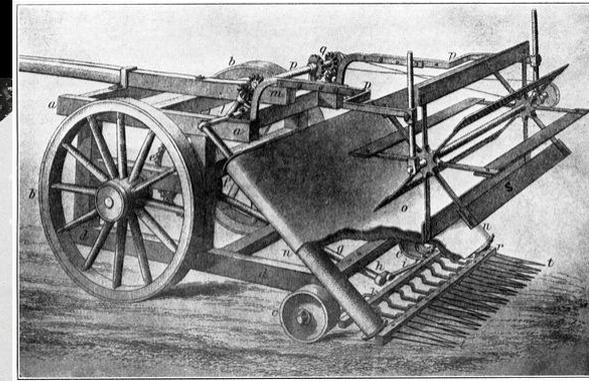


INVENTIONS

*"I will never
put my name on a
product that
doesn't have in it
the best that is in me."*

— John Deere

Barbed Wire - Joseph Glidden
Steel Windmill - pumped water to the surface - Halladay
Plow - John Deere
Reaper - Harvested crops/Cyrus McCormick



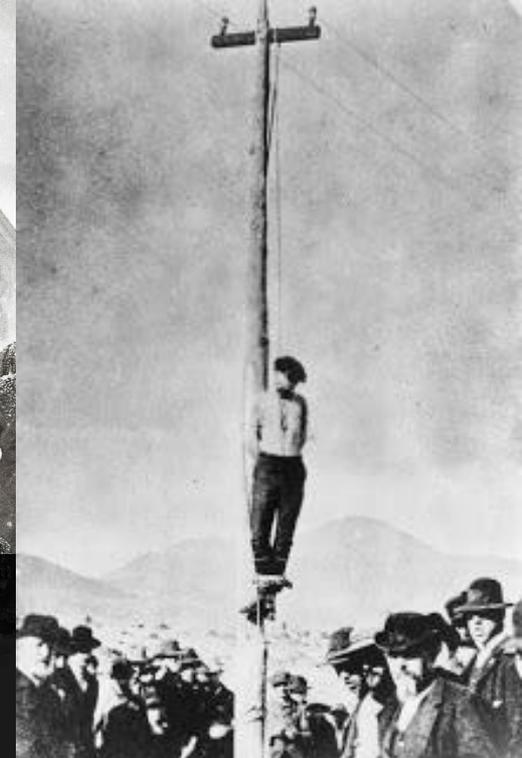


1890s

- Prices fell
- Hard winters caused a need for new land
- The plains & free land were all gone
- 1889-1896 - ND, SD, MT, WA, ID, WY, UT

VIGILANTE RULE

- West ran by vigilante justice
- Lack of officials - too far away, too spread apart
- Gold = Thieves and card sharks
- Populations doubled quickly - # of police did not
- Groups punished people for crimes without the consent of the court.
- Shepherders vs cattle ranchers





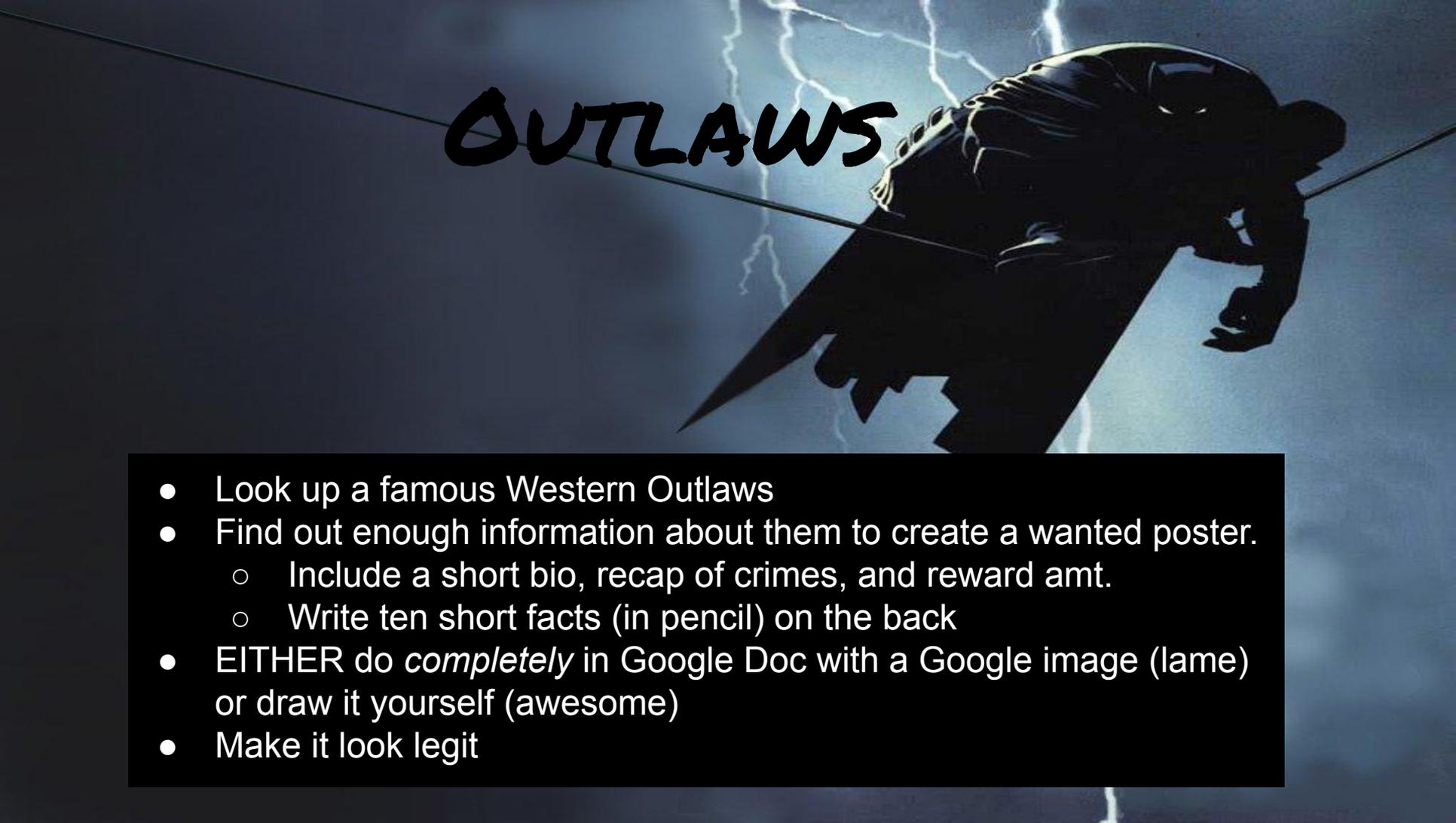
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HANGED

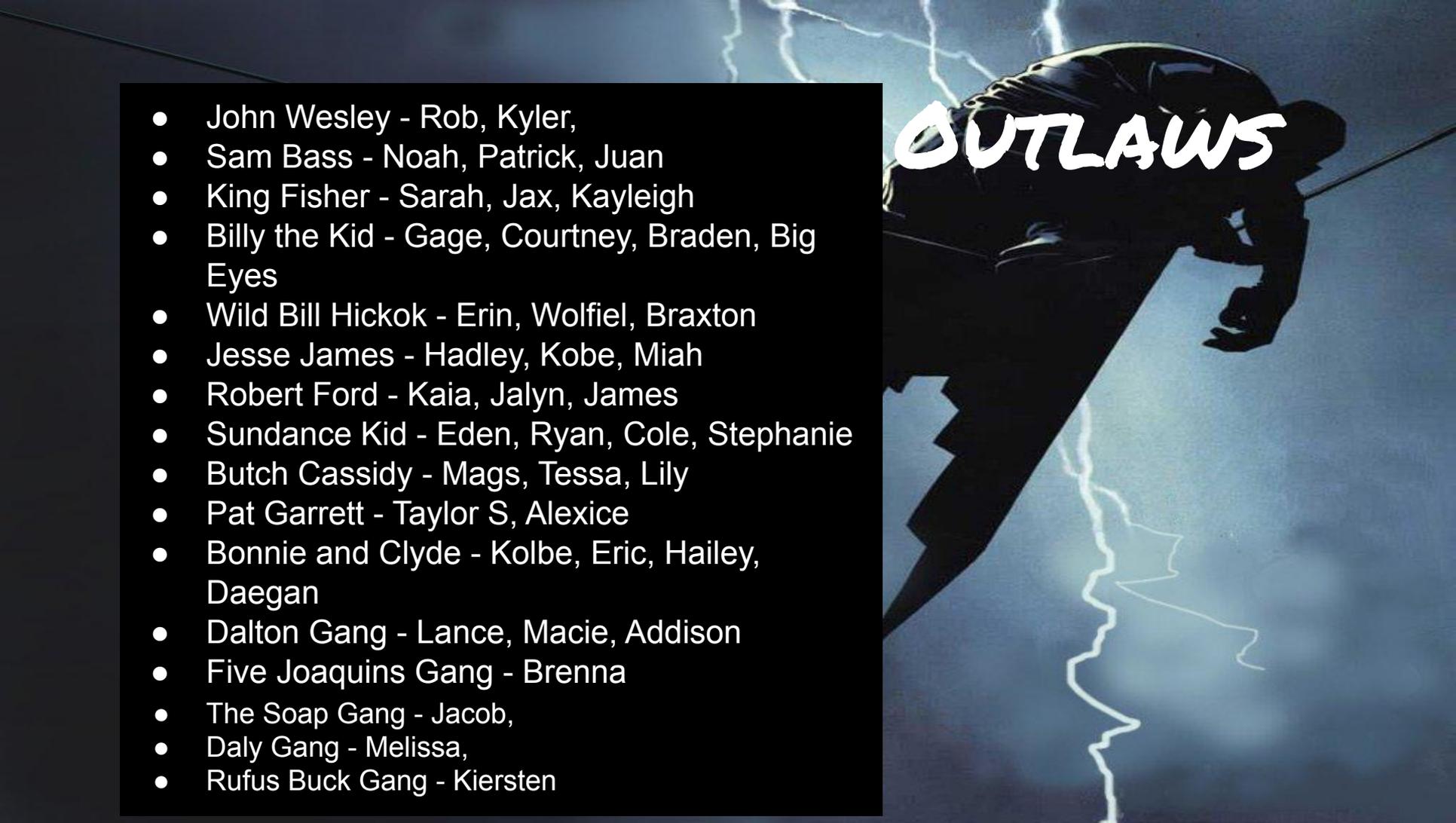
Vigilance Committee.

OUTLAWS

A silhouette of a superhero, likely Batman, is shown walking a tightrope. The superhero is wearing a cape and a mask, and is leaning forward to maintain balance. The background is a dark, stormy sky with bright lightning bolts striking down. The word "OUTLAWS" is written in a large, bold, black, hand-drawn font across the top of the image.

- Look up a famous Western Outlaws
- Find out enough information about them to create a wanted poster.
 - Include a short bio, recap of crimes, and reward amt.
 - Write ten short facts (in pencil) on the back
- EITHER do *completely* in Google Doc with a Google image (lame) or draw it yourself (awesome)
- Make it look legit

- John Wesley - Rob, Kyler,
- Sam Bass - Noah, Patrick, Juan
- King Fisher - Sarah, Jax, Kayleigh
- Billy the Kid - Gage, Courtney, Braden, Big Eyes
- Wild Bill Hickok - Erin, Wolfiel, Braxton
- Jesse James - Hadley, Kobe, Miah
- Robert Ford - Kaia, Jalyn, James
- Sundance Kid - Eden, Ryan, Cole, Stephanie
- Butch Cassidy - Mags, Tessa, Lily
- Pat Garrett - Taylor S, Alexice
- Bonnie and Clyde - Kolbe, Eric, Hailey, Daegan
- Dalton Gang - Lance, Macie, Addison
- Five Joaquins Gang - Brenna
- The Soap Gang - Jacob,
- Daly Gang - Melissa,
- Rufus Buck Gang - Kiersten



OUTLAWS

SUMMARY

- Native American land, for the most part, is confiscated & given to white settlers
- Native Americans are forced to live on abysmal reservations or surrender their culture
- Cattle drives move Longhorns from Texas to Chicago
 - Abilene Kansas & Joe McCoy
- Old West comes & goes - overgrazed lands, low demand
- Free land in the west, but lonely and extreme weather
- US morals/ideas changing- creating own identity