

# WESTWARD EXPANSION

## Part 2

### Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882

- The first significant law \_\_\_\_\_ immigration into the United States. Many Americans on the West Coast attributed declining \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Chinese workers.

[The dark history of the Chinese Exclusion Act - Robert Chang](#)



# Homestead Act

The Homestead Act of 1862 was passed by Congress to give \_\_\_\_\_ acres of land to settlers who were willing to live on the land and improve it for 5 years. This resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ with the Native Americans & cattle ranchers.

Resolving the conflict with the

## Cattle Ranchers:

- *Barbed wire fences* allowed the farmers to enclose their land



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## Native Americans:

- **Americanization:** to reject their culture and embrace American customs. Some Native Americans were removed from their land on the **Trail of Tears** and forced onto reservations. (1:38 - 3:15, Pomo Tribe)
- **The Dawes Act:** quickened the process of abolishing Native American tribes.
  - o They were given 160 acres of reservation land they were forced to live on
  - o Would become citizens if they adopted American culture, forcing them to adopt “**Americanization**”
  - o Native Americans lost their \_\_\_\_\_

# Life on the Great Plains

- Life on the Plains was very \_\_\_\_\_. Settlers not only faced hostility from the Native Americans & ranchers, but the \_\_\_\_\_ was also difficult to live in.



- They built houses out of \_\_\_\_\_ (grass & soil) instead of lumbers & trees.
- They had little transportation.
- However, technological innovations made farming possible. Steel \_\_\_\_\_ & drilling equipment were invented.

*Homesteaders on the Great Plains found it necessary to build the type of house shown in the image because...*



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## THE CATTLE INDUSTRY

- Wild \_\_\_\_\_ grazed the Great Plains, which was great for ranchers.. \$\$\$\$
- Ranchers decided to “cattle drive” the animals northward to the railroads to be shipped, slaughtered & sold to the cities. Making meat packing a \_\_\_\_\_ industry.

The cattle industry \_\_\_\_\_ in the late 1870's with more trails & rails being built!



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## THE POOR BUFFALO



Buffalo were declared a “\_\_\_\_\_” due to overpopulation. The Buffalo typically roamed on Native American land, where the railroads ran through. \_\_\_\_\_, who traveled on trains, would often kill the buffalo as they passed.

Westward expansion led to the near \_\_\_\_\_ of Buffalo.

# Summary of Westward Expansion

## Westward Expansion: Economic Development

Undoubtedly, another black eye in the history of the United States due to the rampant \_\_\_\_\_ and other \_\_\_\_\_ treatment of non-white people.

But without the occurrence of Westward Expansion, we probably \_\_\_\_\_ be here today.