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**A.P. U.S. History**

**Ch. 17 SG**

1. Describe the way of life of Native Americans living on the Great Plains just prior to the arrival

of white settlers.

2. What options did the Plains Indians have when white settlers arrived in their lands in large

numbers? What were the negative results of each option?

3. The Sand Creek Massacre led to greater Native American resistance on the plains. What

response did the federal government have to this violence?

4. What were the immediate causes of the Battle of Little Big Horn? What were its results (short

and long term)?

5. After the publication in 1881 of the book *A Century of Dishonor* by Helen Hunt Jackson there

was a further push by reformers to solve “the Indian problem.” Out of this push came the

Dawes Severalty Act. What did it intend to do? How successful was it?

6. Describe the events leading up to and during the massacre at Wounded Knee.

7. Describe how the transcontinental railroad was built. (How was the project started, what

difficulties did the companies face, who was hired to do the work, etc.?)

8. What impact did the transcontinental railroad and other western railroads have on the settlement of the west?

9. How did government policies help encourage settlement of the west? Cite specific laws and

their impact.

10. What innovations made farming the Great Plains more profitable? What problems did these

farmers face?

11. Why did western states lead the way in granting women the right to vote?

12. What happened to Mexicans who were pushed off their lands by new settlers to the Southwest?

13. Describe the growth of mining towns in the west. What effects did they have on the

economy and the environment?

14. What caused the start of the long drives?

15. What factors hurt the cattle industry or led to the end of the long drives?

16. What factors harmed wheat farmers after settlers flooded the Great Plains to farm it?

17. What spread the myth of the Wild West?

18. How did the conservation movement start in the west?