THE AMERICAN WEST TIMELINE

1830s

c1834 - Permanent Indian Frontier set up

1840s

1843 - First Settlers arrive in Oregon encouraged by government

1844 - Mormon persecution in Nauvoo

1846 - Donner Party head west - met with disaster

1846 - Mormons travel to Great Salt Lake

1848 - Gold discovered in California

1850s

1850s - First homesteaders move to the Plains

1851 - Indian Appropriation Act
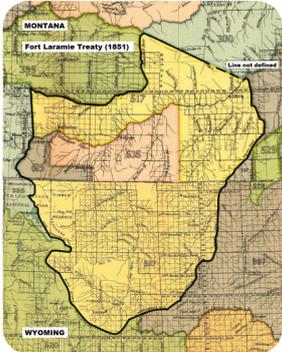
1851 - Fort Laramie Treaty (1)

1858-59 - Gold discovered in Pikes Peak region of Rocky Mountains

1859 - Gold mines opened in Colorado and Nevada

1860s

1861 - Start of the American Civil War between North and South

1862 - Homestead Act

1862 - Little Crow's War

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1864 - Sand Creek Massacre

1865 - End of American Civil War

1865 - Slavery abolished in the US

1866 - Group of US army soldiers wiped out at Fetterman's Trap by Plains Indians

1866 - Red Cloud's War on US government

1866 - Goodnight and Loving reach Fort Summer with 1,700 Cattle