

Buffalo - provided food, clothing and faster than travelling on horseback



Nomadic Lifestyle - tipis ideal to protect against winds and easy to move around

Band Size - bands would change size depending on how much food was available

**Everything in nature has a spirit and they can be contacted through rituals and dances**

Nature

Plains Indians Beliefs & Attitudes

War

Highest respect to warriors, tried to avoid fighting as young men were vital to survival of tribes

Lawlessness:

- Racial tensions
- Lack of enforcement
- New crimes
- Prostitution, gambling, alcohol

Fort Laramie Treaty 1851

Agreement that defined clear territories and Indians agreed to allow migrants through in return for protection and payment from US government  
Neither side followed treaty



The Indian Appropriations Act 1851

US gov placed Plains Indians into **reservations** where they were restricted  
Government paid Plains Indians to give up land desired by white settlers  
Reservations **limited** amount of area  
Plains Indians could hunt **buffalo**

Children



Highly valued as future of band

Women



In charge of tipi, preparing food and getting water, highly **valued as bearers**

Men



Responsible for hunting, protecting band and horses and assessed on abilities as hunters, warriors and horsemen

Elders



Considered important due to advice they could give, sometimes left behind if too weak - **band survival was more important**



**CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH**



## 1. THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THE WEST c1835-c1862



### Mormon Migration

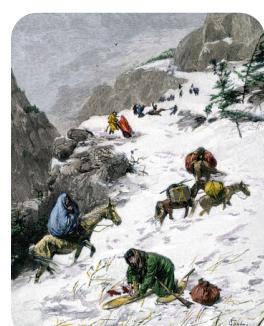
- Persecuted mostly for their practice of **polygamy**
- In 1845 their leader was killed and **Brigham Young** became leader
- They were forced to leave Illinois and migrate to the **Great Salt Lake**
- They were **successful** in their migration due to planning, leadership and tests

### Manifest Destiny

White settlers saw their culture and religion as more advanced and saw it as their mission to 'civilise' the Plains Indians

### Oregon Trail 1836

- Established in 1825 by **Jedediah Smith**
- Used by thousands to cross from the east to the west - was **3,200km long**
- Started in **Missouri** and ended in **Oregon City**



### Donner Party 1846

- Travellers going from the east to California
- They were trapped in the mountains and turned to **cannibalism** to survive
- **87 people left** for California but only **46 arrived**

