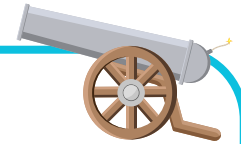


Key Terms: America 1840–1895



1: Expansion - Opportunities and Challenges

- Great American Desert:** Initial perception of the Plains as uninhabitable.
- Manifest Destiny:** Belief in the divine right to expand westward.
- Brigham Young and the Mormons:** Religious group migrating west to Utah.
- Pioneer migrant farmers:** Early settlers facing challenges on the journey west.
- Miners:** Attracted by gold rushes, facing harsh conditions.
- Plains Indians:** Nomadic tribes with unique culture and dependence on buffalo.
- Permanent Indian Frontier (1830):** Boundary separating Native and settler lands.
- Changing relationships:** Tensions as settlers encroached on Plains Indians' land.



2: Conflict Across America

- Fort Laramie Treaty (1851):** Attempt to reduce conflict by concentrating Plains tribes.
- Indian Wars (1862–67):** Conflicts like the Sand Creek Massacre and Fetterman's Trap.
- North vs. South:** Divisions over slavery, economy, and westward expansion.
- Missouri Compromise:** Attempt to balance free and slave states; eventual collapse.
- John Brown:** Abolitionist whose actions escalated tensions.
- Lincoln and Jefferson Davis:** Leaders of the Union and Confederacy during the Civil War.
- Mountain Meadow Massacre (1857):** Attack involving Mormons and settlers.



3: Consolidation – Forging the Nation

- 13th Amendment (1865):** Abolished slavery in the USA.
- Civil Rights Act (1866):** First federal law defining citizenship and rights.
- Reconstruction (1866–77):** Efforts to rebuild the South and integrate freed slaves.
- Carpetbaggers:** Northerners moving South during Reconstruction.
- Homesteaders:** Settlers incentivized by government land grants.
- Land and railroads:** Facilitated westward expansion and economic growth.
- Small reservations policy:** Restricted Native Americans to confined areas.
- Battle of Little Bighorn (1876):** Native American victory against US forces.
- Dawes Act (1887):** Divided Native lands into individual plots.
- Battle of Wounded Knee (1890):** Marked the end of armed Native resistance.
- Closing of the frontier (1890):** Symbolised the end of westward expansion.

