

CRASH COURSE: U.S. History

EPISODE 24: WESTWARD EXPANSION

1. What did Frederick Jackson Turner believe about the West?
2. Most settlers went west in which kinds of groups?
3. What agreement meant that Mexicans already living in the western territories would become American citizens?
4. How did the federal government encourage westward migration?
5. In what two key ways were railroads essential for people who had already gone west?
6. What caused most states to add a balanced budget requirement to their state constitutions?
7. What primary motivation caused the efforts to move Native Americans off their land?
8. During which decades did a steady stream of settlers mean a series of bloody conflicts to displace Native Americans?
9. Which animal on the Great Plains was nearly driven to extinction as part of the effort to eradicate the Native American way of life?
10. What did Ghost Dancers believe?
11. What happened to Native American land as a result of the Dawes Act?
12. What was the main message of the Mystery Document?
13. How did the Bureau of Indian Affairs attempt cultural genocide?
14. How were the cowboys dependent on railroads and industrialization?
15. What did family farms out west begin to focus on growing?
16. What does the Ogallala Aquifer have to do with farming on the Great Plains?
17. What is it that makes everything in the modern world possible?
18. In the end, what did the “Wild West” end up looking a lot like?