

## **American West – Key Dates for Government Policies and Conflict with the Plains Indians**

### **Test of Key information:**

1. Behind which river were all the Indians living in the Eastern states of the USA relocated in 1830?
2. Which new law established the principle of reservations to relocate Indians in order to move them from land white settlers now wanted? In which year was this passed?
3. Give one consequence of the 1851 Fort Laramie treaty.
4. Which conflict with an Indian tribe was triggered by corrupt reservation management and the fact the Indians were starving?
5. Which two conflicts with Indian tribes were caused by the discovery of gold on Indian Territory?
6. In which decade were all three of the above conflicts fought in?
7. Which President brought in a Peace policy to try and improve conditions on the reservations?

8. In 1868 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fort Laramie Treaty was agreed. Give two terms of this treaty.
9. Which battle in 1876 saw Custer (a General in the US army) and his men wiped out when they attacked a tribe of Sioux Indians?
10. After 1876 the attitude of the government towards the Indians was 'assimilate or die'. What does this mean?
11. What did the Indians dancing the Ghost Dance in 1890 hope it would achieve?
12. Describe briefly the events of the Wounded Knee Massacre.

Bonus Questions:

13. Define the idea of 'Manifest Destiny.'
14. What was invented in 1874 that made it much easier and cheaper for Homesteaders to protect their crops and animals?
15. Who sent up the Cowtown of Abilene?

