

Unit 3: Conflicts and Conquest: 1876 - 1895

The Destruction of the Plains Indians' Way of Life

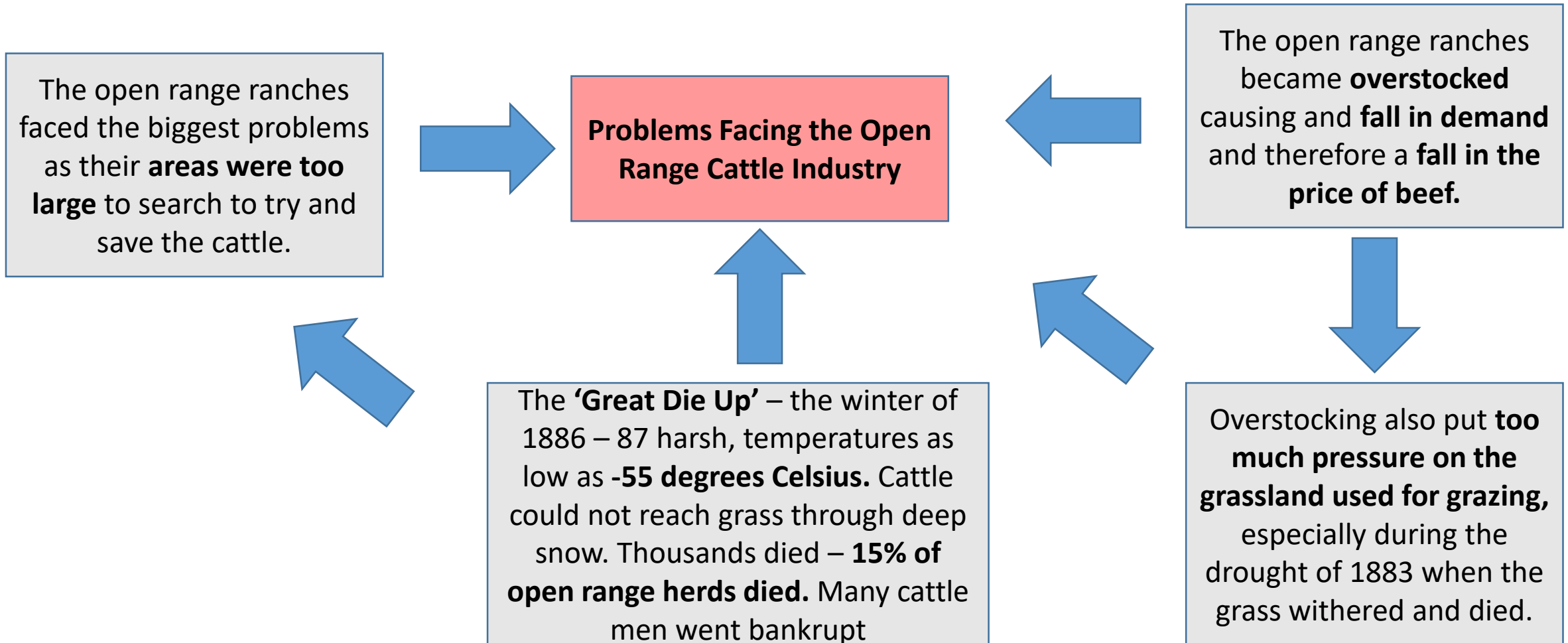
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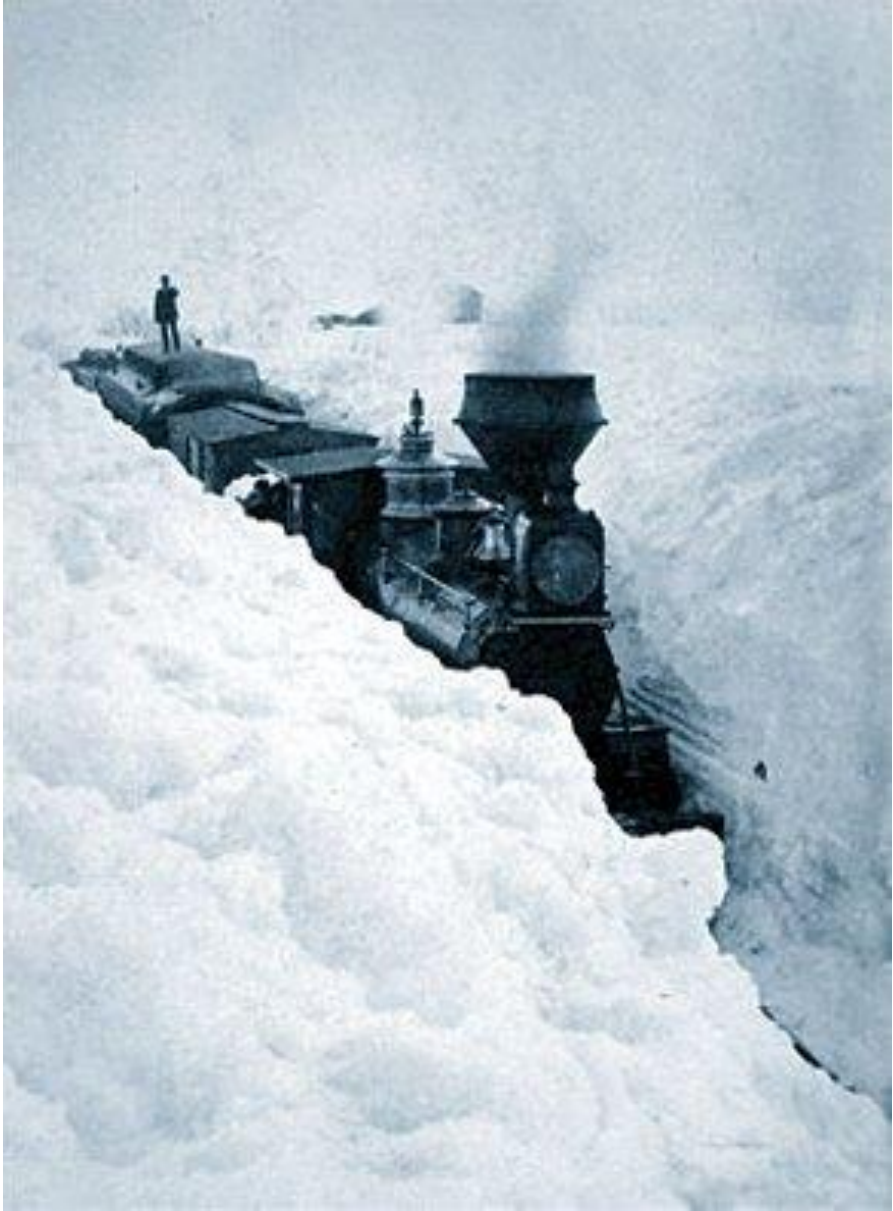
Some of this you will do/have done for homework.

- Changes in farming including new farming and technology - SET AS HOMEWORK
 - Problems of Law and Order including Billy the Kid and Wyatt Earp – SET AS HOMEWORK
 - The Cattle Barons and the Johnson County War – SET AS HOMEWORK
 - In class we need to look at:
- The Changes in the Cattle Industry, the impact of winter 1886-7 and the end of the Open Range
 - The continued growth of settlement
- Conflict with the Plains Indians – including the Battle of Little Bog Horn and the Wounded Knee Massacre
 - The Destruction of the Indian Way of Life including the Dawes Act

Changes in the Cattle Industry: The End of the Open Range

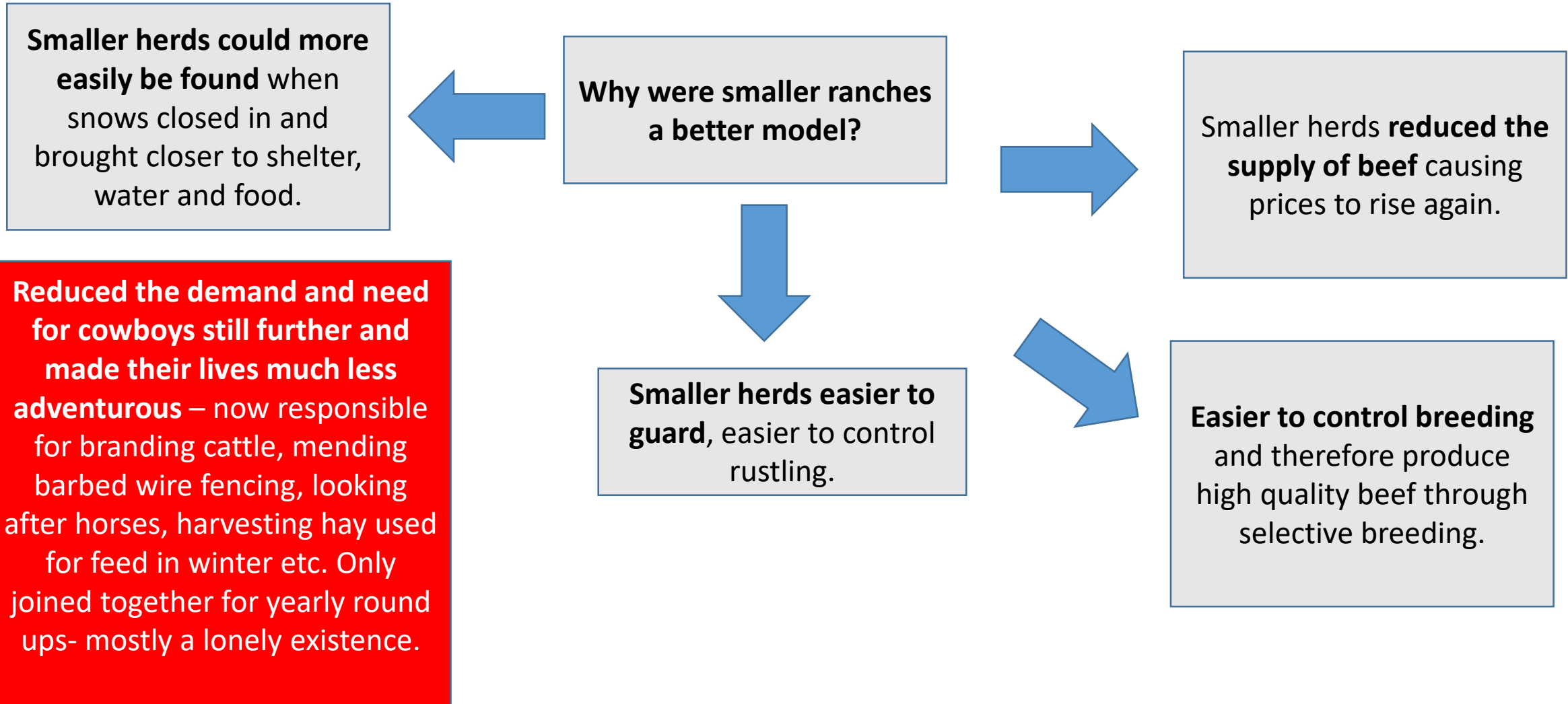
Despite being incredibly successful in the 1870s and making many people a lot of money, the Open Range system was hit by a number of problems that ultimately brought it to an end by the end of the 1880s.





Changes in the Cattle Industry: The End of the Open Range

After the Great Die Up, smaller ranches became the model for cattle farming, they were better able to cope with the problems



<p><i>In what year did the American Civil War end – and who won?</i></p>	<p><i>How many acres were allotted to someone under the Homestead Act?</i></p>	<p><i>What were the names of the two companies who built the Transcontinental railway?</i></p>	<p><i>In what year was the transcontinental railway completed?</i></p>
<p><i>What was invented in 1874 that made it much easier for homesteaders to protect their crops and livestock?</i></p>	<p><i>Where was the main cattle industry based originally in the USA?</i></p>	<p><i>Which cattle trail was first established in 1866 and found new customers from the railroad workers, the army and the government (for beef for the Indian reservations)?</i></p>	<p><i>Who built the first Cowtown of Abilene?</i></p>
<p><i>Who pioneered the first ranch on the Great Plains?</i></p>	<p><i>When was the harsh winter that caused the Great Die Up?</i></p>	<p><i>How many (as a %) of the cattle of the Open Range Ranches were estimated to have died in that winter?</i></p>	<p><i>Give one consequence of that winter for the cattle industry</i></p>

Exam Questions on Cattle Industry:

- Write a narrative account analysing the ways in which the cattle industry grew 1865 – 76.
- Explain two consequences of the winter of 1886 – 87 for the cattle industry. (8 marks)