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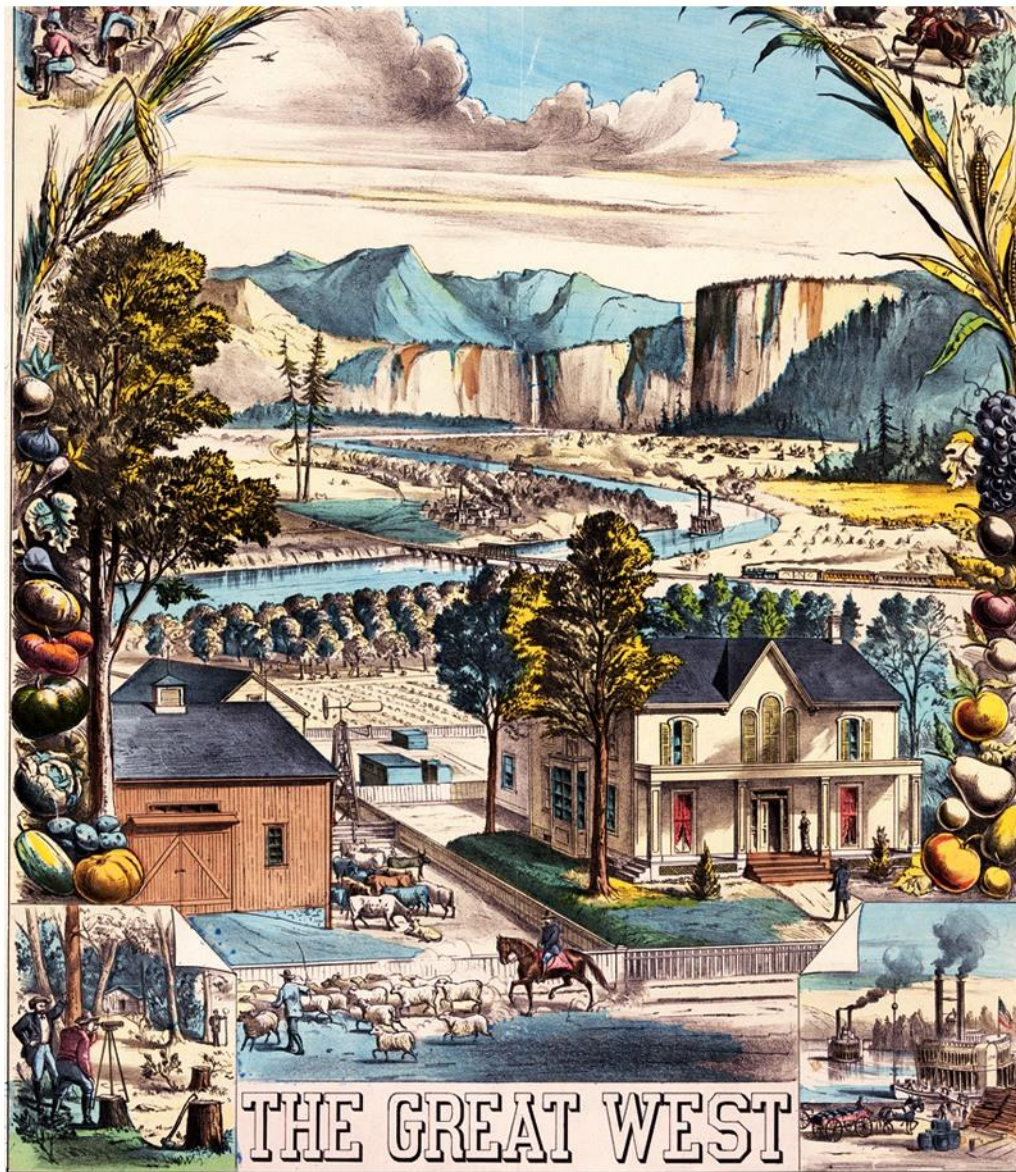
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**Conquering a Continent**

**1854–1890**

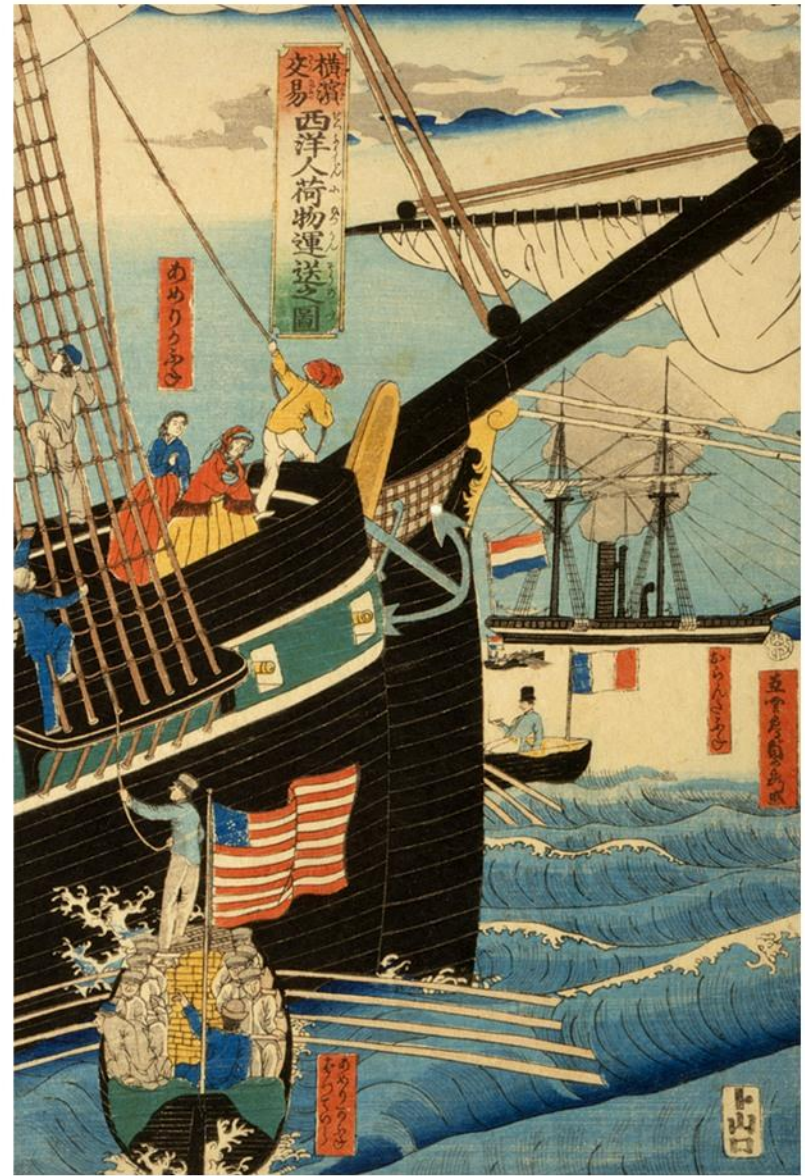


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# I. The Republican Vision

## A. The New Union and the World

1. Foreign relations
2. William Seward



An American Merchant Ship in Yokohama Harbor, 1861  
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# I. The Republican Vision

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1. Tariffs and Economic Growth
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**Railroad Growth between 1870–1890**

- Major rail lines in 1870
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MAP 16.1 The Expansion of the Railroad System, 1870–1890  
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MAP 16.2 The Santa Fe Railroad System, 1885  
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## II. Incorporating the West

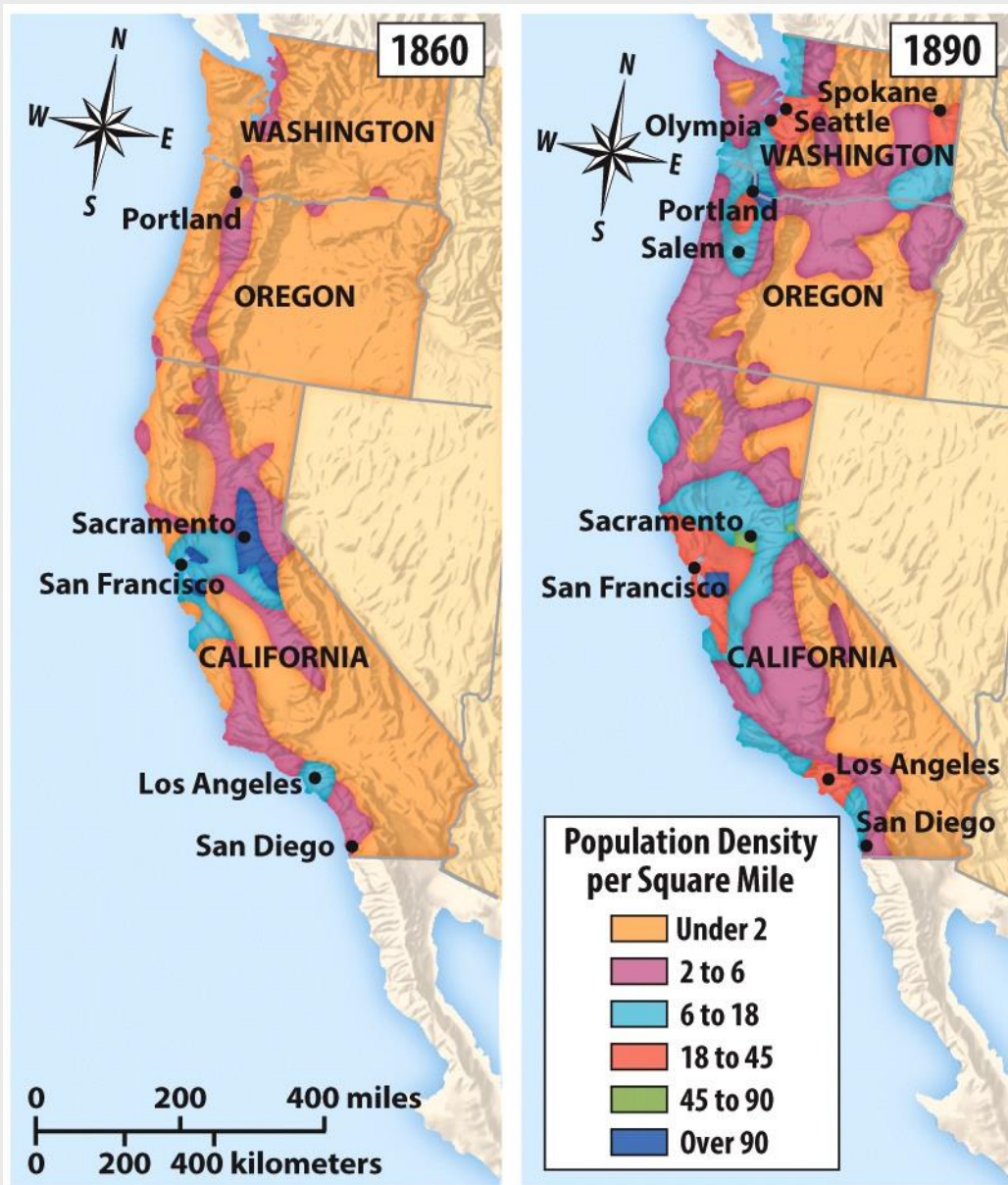
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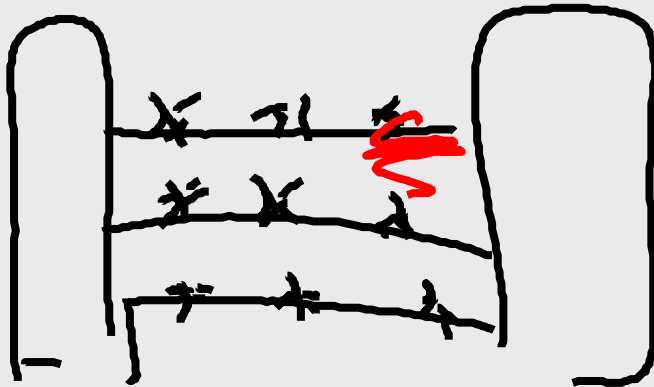


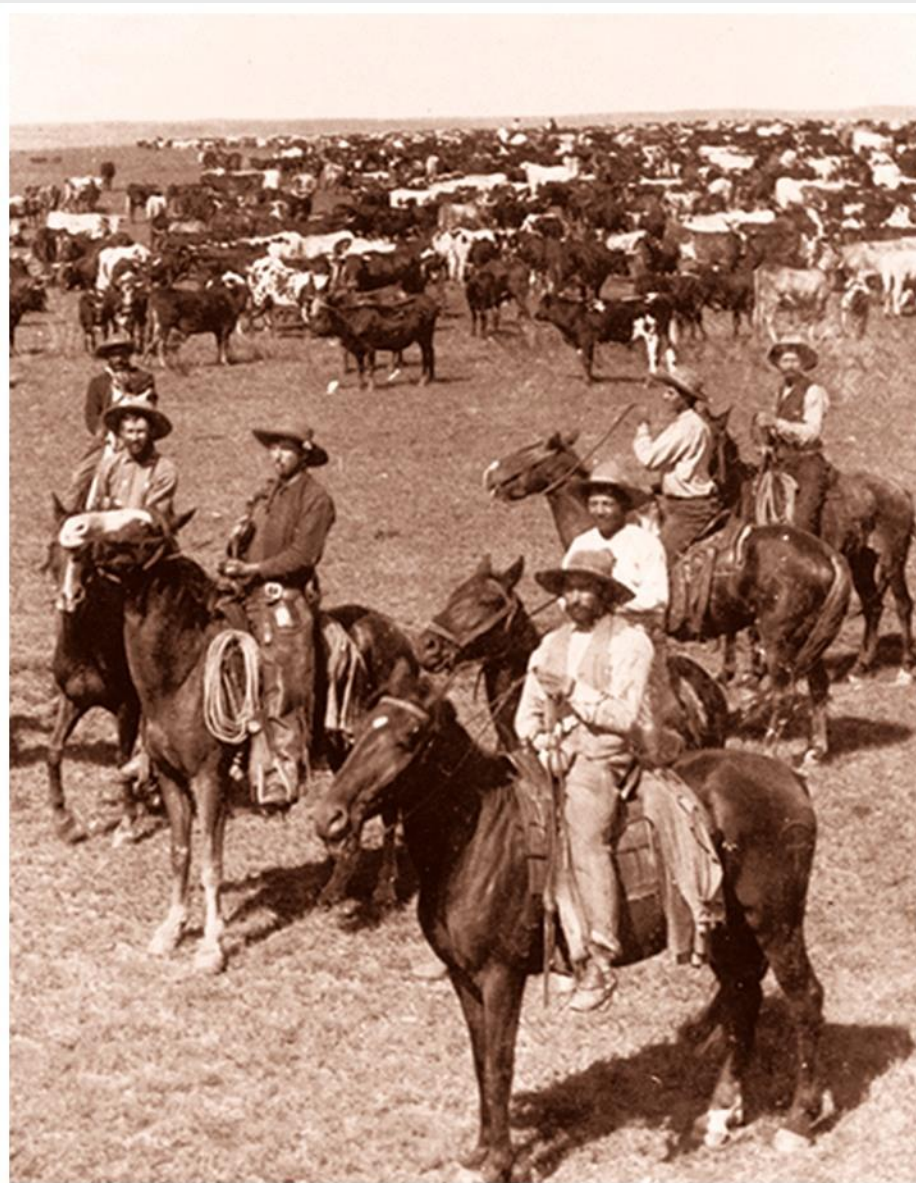
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1. Removal of bison
2. Ranching





Cowboys, Real and Mythic

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OR,  
**Sulphur Sam's Double.**  
 A Romance of the Wild Lands  
 of the Yampah.

BY J. C. COWDRICK,  
 AUTHOR OF "RAINBOW BOB," "KENTUCKY  
 JEAN," "BLACK GRASS BURT," "GILBERT OF  
 GOTHAM," "THE GIANT CUPID,"  
 "ROADWAY BILLY" STORIES,  
 ETC., ETC., ETC.

CHAPTER I.  
 "HANDS UP!"  
 FAINT but clear rung out the silvery tones of  
 a cornet, waking the echoes of the mountain  
 sides with one of Foster's most plaintive  
 airs, the notes reverberating from hill to hill  
 and dying away at last in the valleys and can-  
 yons.

It was in Northwestern Colorado, in the wild  
 region north of the Yampah River and near the  
 Little Snake River whose united waters go to  
 form the majestic Colorado.  
 The time was twilight—that mystic hour

IT WAS SULPHUR SAM, WHOOPING AND YELLING HE DASHED AWAY UP THE VALLEY  
 AT BREAKNECK'S SPEED, FIRING HIS REVOLVERS AS HE WENT.

## II. Incorporating the West

### C. Homesteaders

1. Women in the West
2. Environmental Challenges

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MAP 16.5 Indian Country in the West, to 1890  
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# III. A Harvest of Blood: Native Peoples Dispossessed

- A. The Civil War and Indians on the Plains
  - 1. Dakota Sioux
  - 2. Cheyenne

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## B. Grant's Peace Policy

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2. Breaking Up Tribal Lands



Chief Red Cloud's Bed Room.  
Red Cloud's Bedroom, 1891  
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# BUFFALO BILL'S WILD WEST

AND CONGRESS OF ROUGH RIDERS OF THE WORLD.



**A CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS,** REPRESENTING VARIOUS TRIBES, CHARACTERS AND PECULIARITIES OF THE WILY DUSKY WARRIORS IN SCENES FROM ACTUAL LIFE GIVING THEIR WEIRD WAR DANCES AND PICTURESQUE STYLE OF HORSEMANSHIP.

Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West advertisement, 1899

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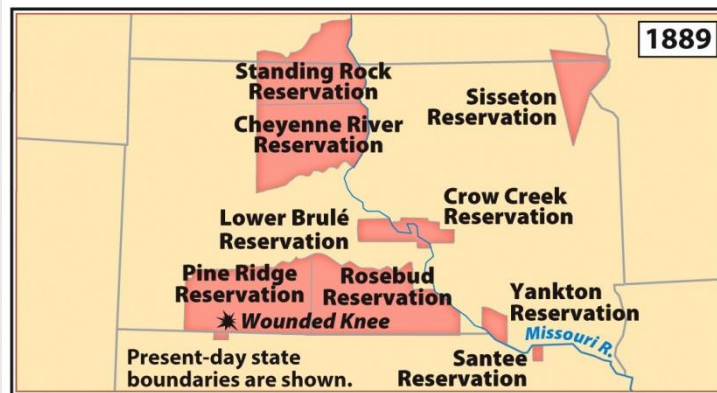
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1. Sitting Bull and Custer
2. Battle of Little Big Horn



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## D. Strategies of Survival

1. Syncretism
2. Wounded Knee



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2. Frederick Jackson Turner
3. General William Sherman's death