

Chapter 4 Settling The West

Native Americans



Nomad: this is a definition
annuity: hey, another definition
Sand Creek Massacre: look, Ma! definitions
Indian Peace Commission: and another one
George A Custer: he was no hero, but definition!
Chief Joseph: another person defined!
Assimilate: you will do definitions
allotment: many definitions given to you
Dawes Act: so many definitions

MAIN IDEAS

2. Comparing—In what ways were the different groups of the Plains Indians similar?

- This is a great place for an answer!

3. Discussing—Why do you think the government's policy of assimilation was a failure?

- This too would be a great place for an answer.



CRITICAL THINKING

4. **Big Ideas**—How did Native Americans respond to the loss of their land from white settlement of the Great Plains?

- Answer here!



General Custer

CRITICAL THINKING

6. Analyzing Visuals—Examine the map of battles and reservations on age 171. Then explain the actions taken against Native Americans within the historical context of time.

- *How about an answer RIGHT HERE? I mean doesn't this look like a good spot to explain an answer to this very important question. I'd like to use as many examples as I can to demonstrate how smart I am when it comes to American History and its effects on the Native Americans. People all over the country are still affected by these issues you can see. There are battles. There are reservations. Heck, there's even Massacre sites. Please don't forget what you read.*



This political cartoon explains the Dawes Act as a ravenous beast tearing through the Native lands of America in the last few decades of the 19th Century. The Dawes Act is looked at as a failure by today's standards of understanding Native American relations and dignity.

PRIMARY RESOURCE

“Our chiefs are killed...the little children are freezing to death. My people...have no blankets, no food. Hear me Chiefs: I am tired; my heart is sick and sad. From where the sun no stands I will fight no more.”

Chief Joseph, Nez Perce

This quote is a perfect example of how the Natives had to run for their lives and there was nowhere safe to end up. Eventually Chief Joseph was forced to stop running for this life and his people nearly disappeared.



This is an image of the Sand Creek Massacre (present day Colorado) where Col. John Chivington led US Army troops into a Native encampment of mostly women and children. These troops savagely murdered and destroyed killing nearly 200 people in the process. There is a huge controversy about this Massacre as some sources say the Natives led by Black Kettle were flying an American flag next to a white flag of surrender.