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The Plains, Manifest Destiny, & Uncivil Wars

As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- · Analyze the impact of the Louisiana Purchase & the concept of Manifest Destiny.
- Compare & Contrast the involvement of various tribes during the Civil War
- Examine the Sand Creek Massacre

Voyage of Discovery

1803- President Thomas Jefferson headed the Louisiana Purchase from France, expanding the U.S. land rights

Meriweather Lewis & William Clarke begin an expedition to analyze the new territory

Along the expedition, they took notes, & drew pictures of Indian peoples, & collected flora & fauna

Believed the Indians lived in an untamed & unchanging wilderness that the U.S. would transform

Voyage of Discovery

Sacagawea- a Shoshone woman who played a crucia l role as a guide and interpreter for the Lewis and Clark Expedition

Along the route, Lewis & Clarke would give out "peace medals" to proclaim the lands now belonged to the U.S.

Asserted that the President was "the father of the nation"

The Plains

The Plains extended from the Upper Mississippi River Valley to the Rocky Mountains & from the Saskatchewan River to the Rio Grande

The Plains include the tall-grass prairie on either side of the Mississippi River Valley & along the Missouri River

The guns that the French traded in the Great Lakes came to the region through Hidatsa & Mandan trading centers

The Cheyenne traded further with the Arapaho & traders in St. Louis through the Osage, Wichita, & Caddo

Trade & Movement

Horses were traded through the region, increasing the need for firepower & increased carrying skills

The Kiowa were removed from the Black Hills region by the Lakota & into the southern plains

The Comanche pushed the Apache further into New Mexico

The Cheyenne built an empire on the southern plains showing their skills as raiders, traders, & diplomats

Nisqually People

1854-1855- Washington State territorial Gov. Issac Stevens began a treaty-making campaign in the Northwest & Plateau

11 quickly made treaties ceded most of the land in the Pacific Northwest & Plateau to the U.S.

Manifest Destiny- Belief that the expansion of the U.S. across the continent was both justified & inevitable

Steven used command-&-obey tactics to bully tribes into signing agreements

Nisqually People

Treaty of Medicine Creek- Native people lost 2.2 million acres of fishing & prairie lands

Leschi- Nisqually headman who fought back on the removal of the tribe to a small reservation, Stevens forged his signature

1855- The Nisqually begin a war after killing a party of militiamen, they claimed Leschi was there

1856- The war ends, & Leschi is arrested & executed for murder, even though he claimed innocence

The Civil War

The South leaves the union & attacks Ft. Sumter, beginning the Civil War

20,000 American Indians enlist in the war in either the Union or Confederate forces

The Catawba & Eastern Cherokee served the Confederacy to protect their rights & territory, not for loyalty to the Confederacy

The Lumbee

1850s- Georgia made it illegal & ended marriages between "whites" & "free people of color." This included Indians

The state government then tried to force the Lumbee to support the Confederacy

They began to resist Confederate violence & would support Union soldiers escaping from prisons with support from Henry Berry Lowry

Lowry began a 7-year war against white supremacy becoming a legend in the region

The Cherokee

The Cherokee began to debate their support as the South had mistreated them, but also depended on them for supplies & western protection

Chief John Ross signs a treaty with the Confederacy & declares war in 186 after the Union abandoned forts in Indian territory

March 1862- The Union defeated a Confederate force & Cherokee contingent in the Battle of Pea Ridge

Ross switches to the Union, but is eventually arrested & sent into exile

The Cherokee

Stand Watie, member of the pro-removal faction, became the principal chief of the pro-Confederate government

He commanded the Cherokee Mounted Rifles, beginning a civil war with the Cherokee

The end of the war saw the Cherokee giving up more land, allowed railroads through the nation, the emancipation of their slaves, & forced relocation

Dakota Conflict

The Dakota were located in southwestern Minnesota & began to suffer gross violations of treaties

They were given a reservation & guaranteed annuities in cash & food that the government was not providing

More white settlers began to take their promised lands & agents began to steal from the people

1862- The Dakota fell into poverty & starvation, when they began to beg for food & assistance

Dakota Wars

They met with a government trader, Andrew Myrick, who told them to "eat grass"

The Dakota begin to attack white settlements for 2 months in a series of bloody attacks between the Dakotas & settlers

1200 Dakota men, women, & children were taken prisoner & 800 Dakota warriors surrendered

Dakota 38

The territories & states demanded that all 800 soldiers be executed for war crimes

A farcical mass. Trial begins with 303 Dakotas being sentenced to death

President Lincoln examines the case & dwindles the case down to 38 individuals

38 Dakota warriors are hung in the largest mass execution in U.S. history

The Sand Creek Massacre

1858- The discovery of gold in the Rocky Mountains brings a wave of settlers hoping to get rich quick

Settlers begin to take over territory set aside for the Cheyenne & Arapahoe in the Treaty of Ft. Laramie 1851

By 1861, the Cheyenne & Arapaho were located to a small parcel of land along Sand Creek near Fort Lyon Colorado

Cheyenne Dog Soldiers began to attack invaders saying they did not agree to the treaty or consent to it

The Sand Creek Massacre

Black Kettle leads a band to Sand Creek to avoid conflict

He raised an American and white flag to signify peace & friendship

John Chivington ignores this & leads a calvary to attack the settlement

270 people are massacred & Black Kettle signs a treaty to move to Oklahoma...where he is killed 4 years later by General Custer

The Dine'

The Dine' or Navajo are forced away to a reservation away from their ancestral lands

Kit Carson begins a total war, forcing them into starvation & compelling them to surrender

The Dine' are forced to make a 400 mile march, where 200 men, women & children die

1868- The Dine' are able to sign a treaty to return to their homelands