Chapter 4: Settling the West
‘Manifest Destiny’

The belief that the United States was meant to spread from the Atlantic to the Pacific
3 Reasons to Move West:

Mining

Ranching

Farming
Mining

- Henry Comstock - Discovered silver ore in the U.S. for the first time
  - However he didn’t know this
  - Brought so many people to the area that it became an official state! Nevada!
  - Generated 230 Million and helped the finance the Union in the Civil War

- California Gold Rush - people came to the west for gold, silver, and other minerals
Mining Cont’d:

- Towns literally went up overnight… these were called *boomtowns*!
- This rapid population and economic growth is usually the result of a precious resource (i.e., gold)
Types of Mining

- Hydraulic
- Placer
- Sluice
- Quartz
Texas Longhorn: cattle with long horns, descendants of the first cattle brought to the New World

People who weren’t interested in gold moved to the open range: land in Texas the government owned that was free for people’s cattle to graze on

Long Drives
  ○ The railroad development helped the easy transportation of meat to urban areas
    ■ Cowboys drove herds of cattle overland to railroads which typically took 6-8 weeks
Rancher Cont’d:

- Range wars began to occur
  - Ranchers would fight over control over the free range lands
  - Barbed wire is invented!
    - Ranchers needed to fence in their land and cattle against competition, railroads needed to keep cattle off of the tracks, and farmers needed to keep cattle away from their crops
● Ranchers also moved toward California and invaded the space of the Hispanic ranchers that lived there.
  ○ Haciendas - an estate of significant size
  ○ Barrios - Hispanic-American neighborhoods
  ○ Vaquero - horse-mounted cattle herder… this was the foundation for the development of the “cowboy”

● China Town? Little Italy?
Impact of Ranching on the U.S. even today video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3P5tmkJHa8
Farmers

- Great Plains
- Sod House - Settlers built their homes out of sod… Why would they do this?
- Wheat Belt - The region in the U.S. where the main agricultural product is wheat
WHERE WILL AMERICANS LIVE ONCE THEY MOVE WEST?!?!?

Homes usually made from sod because trees were hard to come by

Homestead Act

- A section of public land available for settlement
- Made available through government legislation, 1862
Prices of Homestead Act vs. Waterloo

1862 –
“Could buy land for $1.25 per acre after 6 months”

2017 –
One “farm land” acre is $7,800 in Waterloo
Let’s talk about corn...

- What do you know about corn?
- How important do you think this crop is in the U.S. (and therefore, how important is Iowa)?
- What do we use corn for?
Innovations

Windmill

Steel Plow

Steam Tractor

Threshing Machine

Mechanical Reaper
### The Many Uses of Corn

#### Food Uses & Products

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Sources: Iowa Corn
Kentucky Corn Growers Association
Native Americans were nomads: people who roamed the land following their food (buffalo).

When the ranchers and miners came, they drove away the food and forced the Native Americans to relocate.

Some Native groups agreed to live on government made reservations in exchange for money called annuities but so much of the time the money never made it to them.
● Natives faced starvation and poverty
● Eventually tribes were forced to move onto reservations without a choice by the Indian Peace Commission
Conflicts with the Native Americans

● Trail of Tears

● Dakota Sioux Uprising
  ○ The Minnesota Sioux agreed to live on reservations in exchange for annuities
    - They never got the money
  ○ Poverty and starvation!
  ○ The Native Americans took up arms and conflict spread
  ○ The military stopped it; 307 Sioux sentenced to death (Pres. Lincoln reduced to 38)

● Sand Creek Massacre
  ○ Conflict between the Cheyenne/Arapaho and the miners coming for gold
  ○ Settlers kept coming, Natives began raiding their wagons and trains
  ○ Natives ordered to surrender, hundreds did but many did not
  ○ Led to a massacre… no one really knows what happened
  ○ “The foulest and most unjustifiable crime in the annals of America”
- **Wounded Knee**
  - Final battle between the Native Americans and settlers
  - Lakota Indians kept performing the ghost dance despite the fact that the ritual was banned by the government
  - Violence broke out during the ritual
  - Lakota fled to Wounded Knee Creek and the battle continued costing many lives on both sides

- **General Custer**
  - Lieutenant Colonel of the 7th Cavalry
  - He ignored orders and acted on his own, launching an attack against one of the largest group of Native American warriors in the Great Plains
  - The warriors killed Custer and all of his men except for one
Dawes Act

- Dawes Act - Gave allotments of land to Native Americans for farming
  - Purpose?
    - Lift Native Americans out of poverty
    - Assimilate Native Americans into American Society
    - Put land into the control of white settlers
Immigration today: Should immigrants be required to assimilate into Mainstream American Culture?
Native American Situation Today:

- Dakota Access Oil Pipeline
- Casinos
- Reservations today
- Benefits? Free college, etc...
San Diego State Aztecs

Kansas City Chiefs (old mascot)

Cleveland Indians

Washington Redskins
Indian Mascots: Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe supports appropriate use of Warriors, Indians, Braves

Question:
Is it okay to use mascots such as the Cowboy and the Sooner?
Is it okay to use Native Americans as mascots?
ACE writing

Write about 2 paragraphs answering this question: Is it okay to use Native Americans as mascots?

Use the ACE Strategy to do this.

I think...

For one reason...

This is important because...