

## Y10 American West Revision 2023-24

### When is my History American West exam?

Your American West exam will be at different times depending on what class you are in. But this will be taking place on the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### What topics do I need to revise?

You will only be tested on the knowledge you have learnt so far, therefore the following topics need to be revised:

- **Indigenous people's way of life and their beliefs**
- **Indigenous people's government (Chiefs, Councils, Warrior Brotherhoods etc.)**
- **Early White American policy e.g. Indian Removal Act, War with Mexico, Indian Trade and Intercourse Act etc.**
- **Westward Expansion & reasons to go West e.g. Gold Rush**
- **Fort Laramie Treaty & early reservations**
- **Changes to Indigenous People's lives**
- **'Indian Wars' > Red Cloud's War, Sand Creek Massacre & Little Crow's War**
- **Battle of Little Big Horn & Wounded Knee**
- **Extermination of the Buffalo**

### What are the question types?

You will need to answer three exam questions on the American West paper, they are the following question types:

- Explain two consequences of ... (8 marks)
- Write a narrative account analysing... (8 marks)
- Explain the importance of... (8 marks) – You need to answer two out of the three

### How do I revise for History?

There are many really good ways to revise for History here are a few examples of how you could revise:

- Timelines – create timelines about the key events of the American West you have learnt so far. Do this without your notes to see what key dates you can remember, go back and check and then add to your timeline the missing dates. These missing events, you will need to re-go over.
- Highlighted timelines – Once you have created timelines, highlight them to try and show the consequences of different events. E.g. Highlight the direct consequences of the Fort Laramie Treaty 1851 on your timeline. This will help you see the different consequences.
- Blurted Mind maps – Creating mind maps around specific parts of the course will also be helpful. E.g. Indigenous People’s beliefs. Get all your ideas around that mind map without looking at your notes, this will again show you what you can / can’t remember. The stuff missed is the stuff you need to re-teach yourself.
- Past Paper Questions – One of the best ways to revise History, is to practice answering past paper questions around the topics you have either created timelines or mind maps about. Do it without these notes, to test what you can and can’t remember. Once this is answered, check the mark scheme have you included everything you need too? No mark scheme – check with your teacher – have you got all the stuff you need in there? No teacher – Use your revision booklet to check have you got the right narrative and correct consequences.
- Teaching others – Speak to your family or friends about what you know about the topic off the top of your head. Give them your notes and they can test what you have or haven’t included. This a really good way of revising your key knowledge.

### **Practice Questions**

Below are some practice exam questions you can try planning in preparation for your exam. You may not be able to answer all of these if they are not directly related to the information above.

Q1 (8 marks)	Q2 (8 marks)	Q3 (16 marks)
Explain <b>two</b> consequences of	Write a narrative account analysing You may use the following in you answer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul> You must also use information of your own	Explain the importance of <b>two</b> of the following:
Explain <b>two</b> consequences of the Fort Laramie Treaty 1851	Write a narrative account analysing the ways in which the US government policy towards the Plains Indians developed in the period 1835-51 You may use the following in you answer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Permanent Indian Frontier (c1834)</li> <li>• The Indian Appropriations Act (1851)</li> </ul> You must also use information of your own	Explain <b>two</b> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance of the Oregon Trail for the early settlement of the West</li> <li>• The importance of the Indian Appropriations Act (1851) for the way of life of the Plains Indians</li> <li>• The importance of the development of new mining towns for law and order in the early West.</li> </ul>
Explain <b>two</b> consequences of setting up of the Oregon Trail (1836)	Write a narrative account analysing the key events in the years 1851-66 that led to the beginning of Red Cloud's War You may use the following in you answer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Fort Laramie Treaty (1851)</li> <li>• The discovery of gold in Montana</li> </ul> You must also use information of your own	Explain <b>two</b> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance of the discovery of gold in California (1848) for the settlement of the American West</li> </ul>
Explain <b>two</b> consequences of the American victory in the Mexican-	Write a narrative account analysing the main developments in US Government policy towards	Explain the importance of the buffalo to the Plains Indians' way of life

American War	Plains Indians in the period 1836-61 You may use the following in you answer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The movement of the Bureau of Indian Affairs</li> <li>● The Fort Laramie Treaty</li> </ul> You must also use information of your own	
Explain <b>two</b> consequences of the discovery of gold in California 1848	Write a narrative account analysing why Americans went West in the years 1836-49 You may use the following in you answer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Oregon Trail from 1836</li> <li>● The California Gold Rush 1849</li> </ul> You must also use information of your own	Explain the importance of warrior societies to Plains Indian life.
Explain <b>two</b> consequences of the Discovery of gold in Colorado in 1858		Explain <b>two</b> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The importance of breeding and training horses to the way of life and means of survival of the Plains Indians</li> <li>● The importance of religion to the way of life of the Plains Indians</li> <li>● The importance of the Indian Appropriations Act 1851 to the way of life of the Plains Indians</li> </ul>
		Explain the importance of the leadership of Brigham Young to the successful settlement of the valley of the Great Salt Lake by the Mormons.
		Explain the importance of the rapid growth of mining settlements for government efforts to bring law and order to the West