

The West – Episode 7: Geography of Hope

1. Who were the Exodusters?
2. Why did most of the Exodusters migrate to Kansas?
3. Explain the idea that “Rain follows the plow.”
4. Was this phrase true after the 1880s?
5. Why did Sitting Bull confront Senators in 1883 at Standing Rock Reservation?
6. Why is the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 an important precedent in American History?
7. What economic potential did Teddy Roosevelt see in the West?
8. How did the great migration of Anglos to Los Angeles in the 1880s affect the Hispanics living there?
9. What happened in 1882 that greatly affected the Mormon Church?
10. What was the “underground” to the Mormons?
11. How did the Mormon church finally solve the problem of plural marriages and its illegality in federal law?
12. In 1883, Indian policy shifted from containment to what?
13. What happened in the boarding schools if you spoke your native language?
14. Who was Frank Cushing?
15. Why was the cattle business in trouble in the late 1880s?
16. How did the winter of 1887 affect the cattle ranchers?

17. Who was William Cody?
18. How did Cody shape American perceptions of the “Old West”?
19. How accurate was Cody’s Wild West Show?
20. How long did Sitting Bull stay with the Wild West Show?
21. What was Sitting Bull’s vision after he returned?