**American History II**

**Unit 1: The Wild West Study Guide**

*Short Answer Section:*

*These can usually be answered in a few words or a sentence or two. Bullet points are fine.*

Native Americans

1. What things contributed to the decline of the Native American culture?
2. Define Assimilation. Give at least 3 examples of ways Native Americans were assimilated in the late 1800s.
3. What did Helen Hunt Jackson advocate in her book, A Century of Dishonor?

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Life on the Frontier

1. What contributed to the population growth in the western part of the country?
2. What obstacles did people face when trying to move west?
3. How did the government support the growth of railroads in the western part of the country? Give at least 3 examples.
4. How did frontier life affect attitudes about social class? Women’s rights?
5. What caused farm prices to drop significantly in the last part of the 19th century?
6. What invention made it possible for ranchers to contain their herds? How did this invention change life out west?
7. What did William Jennings Bryan advocate in his Cross of Gold Speech?

*Generalizations: This section should be answered in complete sentences. 2-4 sentences should be sufficient for the purposes of this study guide but be prepared to elaborate on the topics further should you see them in short answer/essay form on the test.*

**Industrialization can impact people, the environment, and the economy.**

1. How did the invention of the steel plow, mechanical reaper, and wind mill, change the environment?
2. What role did economic instability play in impacting the lives of farmers?
3. How did the invention of the railroad both positively and negatively impact the lives of individuals in the West?

**The government may create policies that encourage settlement and economic growth.**

1. What acts of policies were created to encourage Western settlement?
2. How did the government create crises with economic policy?
3. What impact did government policy have on the lives of Native Americans?

**Different groups of people may be affected in different ways by settlement and economic growth.**

1. Why did the government try to assimilate Native Americans?
2. How did Native Americans respond to western settlement?
3. In what ways did Native Americans attempt to maintain their culture heritage despite massive change?
4. How did economic instability unite farmers to address common problems?
5. How can economically and socially oppressed groups make their voice heard?