

The End of the Frontier Story

1. How it ended for the settlers.

Homesteading: Ultimately gave way to large scale agri-businesses that steadily cultivated more and more acres of land.

Open Range farming- overgrazing, brutal winters, falling prices, knock out the "little guys" and leave only large scale ranches that raised cattle to feed the growing demand in a world wide market.

Mining: Remaining gold could only be found through the use of expensive, mechanized techniques thus creating a mining industry that is pulled into the American economy.

Thus, the rise of Big Business found its way to the West.

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Dawes Act of 1887- Attempt to assimilate Native tribes into American culture.

- Cut connections with tribes.***
- Reward natives with land.***
- Educate the youth.***

Ghost Dance movement - last ditch effort at holding onto a way of life.

Be peaceful, be good, Dance and...

- judgement day will soon come.***
- whites will be killed in flood.***
- magical powers will render warriors invincible.***
- tribes will unite.***
- lost loved ones, will be reunited.***

Wounded Knee massacre- American soldiers sent to quell the "uprising," massacre 150 Lakota.

"Bury my heart at Wounded Knee."

Native resistance has officially ended.

And this is how the West was WON!!!

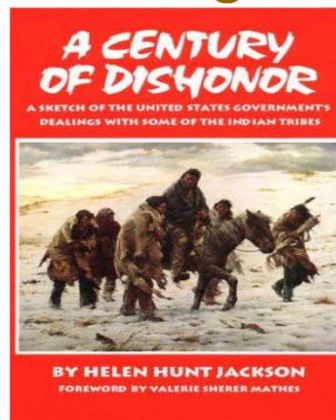
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- 2. How it ended for the Native-Americans.***
- 3. How it ended for America.***

Buffalo Bill's Wild West shows celebrate the era.



Helen Hunt Jackson's *A Century of Dishonor* mourns the wrongs committed by the U.S. government against the natives.



Frederick Jackson Turner's Thesis:

1. What was Turner's Bold Claim?

2. How did he support this claim?
- 3 supportive arguments

3. What are some flaws in this claim?

America at the turn of the 20th Century

Looking Backward- Bellamy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6cHJRPNtWI>

How is this a commentary on America at the turn of the 20th century?

Power of big business.

Capitalism causes great expansions and contractions.

A Less than Perfect Society

Problems in cities - a microcosim.

Problem - disease born from poor water and sewage.

Solution- City governments devise sewage and water systems.

Problem- City governments become corrupt with power

Solution- Pendleton Act passed to regulate city governr

Enduring Understanding:

Big Business grew in economic and political power. A movement to improve the lives of workers grew in response to the influence of the unequal concentration of wealth in American society.