

American West Revision Checklist- Topics	😊😊😊	😊😊😊
1.How did the Plains Indians live on the Great Plains?		
a) What were the Great Plains like?		
b) What were the religious beliefs of the Plains Indians?		
c) How did the tipi help the Plains Indians survive?		
d) How did the buffalo help the Indians survive?		
e) What roles did different members of a Plains Indian family have? (warriors, women, elderly, medicine men?)		
f) What was the political organisation of tribes?		
g) How did the Sioux fight?		
2. What was the nature of the early settlement of the West?		
a) What are three reasons for early migration from the east to Oregon and California?		
b) What was the Oregon Trail like to travel? What were the dangers settlers faced travelling it?		
c) Describe the experiences of the Donner Party?		
c) What was 'Manifest Destiny'?		
d) What was the Gold Rush of 1849?		
e) What were the conditions like in an early mining town?		
f) Who were the Mormons and why were they persecuted in the east?		
g) How was the Mormon journey West organised?		
h) How did the Mormons make a success of Salt Lake City?		
i) What problems did the Mormons still face when they reached Salt Lake City?		
3. How were the Great Plains settled?		
a) What problems did early homesteaders face farming the Great Plains?		
b) Describe 5 solutions that the Homesteaders came up with to make farming on the Great Plains easier.		
c) How did the government try to encourage homesteading (Homestead Act, 1862, The Timber Culture Act, 1873)?		
d) How did the railway develop in the 1860s and how did it make settling the Plains easier?		
e) How did the Civil War have an impact on the settlement of the Plains (including Reconstruction)?		
f) Describe the Cattle Industry		
g) Explain how the cattle industry developed (including the roles of Hliff, McCoy, Goodnight and Loving, Abilene and the railway)		
h) What was a cowboys' life like and how did the development of ranching affect it?		
i) Explain three reasons why the Open Range came to an end?		
k) What was the Exoduster Movement (1879) and how did it help to settle the Plains?		
l) What was the Oklahoma Land Rush (1893) and how did it help to settle the Plains?		
i) How and why was there conflict between homesteaders and cattle ranchers?		
j) What were the causes, events and consequences of the Johnson County War?		
4) How did Law and Order develop in the West?		
a) What crimes would you find occurring in the West and/ or on the Great Plains?		
b) What was law and order like in early mining towns?		
c) What kinds of government law enforcement was there in the West?		
d) What was the role of sheriffs and marshals in keeping law and order? How effective were they? (Consider: Wild Bill Hickok, Billy the Kid, Wyatt Earp and the gunfight at the OK Corral?)		
e) How difficult was it to catch criminals in the West?		
5. How did US Government policies have an impact on Plains Indians ?		
a) What was the Indian Removal Act, 1830?		
b) What was the 'Permanent Indian Frontier', 1834?		
c) What was the Indian Appropriations Act (1851)?		

d) Why was the 1851 Fort Laramie Treaty significant?		
e) What were the Reservations like (conditions, agents, education)?		
f) What were the causes, events and consequences of Little Crow's War (1862)?		
g) What were the causes, events and consequences of the Sand Creek Massacre (1864)?		
h) What were the causes, events and consequences of Red Cloud's War? (1866-1868)		
i) Why did President Grant have a 'Peace Policy' in 1868?		
j) What were the terms of the Second Fort Laramie Treaty (1868)?		
k) What were the causes, events and consequences of the Battle of the Little Bighorn (1876)?		
l) What was the Dawes Act (1887) and what was its significance?		
m) What were causes, events and consequences of the Battle of Wounded Knee?		
n) How and why were buffalo hunted almost to extinction on the Great Plains?		