Conquering the West

Key Reading Terms and Study Questions

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1. The Homestead Act
2. Morrill Land Grant Act
3. The Dakota War (Sioux Uprising)
4. The Sand Creek Massacre
5. Plains Indians
6. Battle of Little Bighorn
7. The transcontinental railroad
8. The Rise of Chicago
9. The Cattle Drives
10. The Dawes Act
11. The Ghost Dance
12. Wounded Knee
13. The West in Popular Culture
14. Wild West Shows
15. William “Buffalo Bill” Cody
16. The Frontier Thesis

Reading and Discussion Questions:

1. How would you describe the changes in the American West after Reconstruction?

2. What strategies did native Americans employ to resist rapid settlement of the West?