

Key event timeline-	
1830	Indian Removal Act forces American Indians to move west of the Mississippi river
1834	Permanent Indian Frontier set up
1836	The Oregon Trail opened
1837	Economic crisis in the East and South of USA
1840	The Walker family completed the Oregon Trail
1841	The US government provided \$30,000 for an expedition to map the Oregon trail.
1845	The Mormons were ordered to leave Illinois after rioters killed their leader, Joseph Smith.
1846	Donner Party head west but are met with disaster
1846	Mormons travel to the Great Salt Lake
1847-1869	70,000 Mormons followed the Mormon trail to Salt Lake Valley
1848	Gold discovered in California
1849	California Gold Rush
1851	Indian Appropriations Act funds the moving of American Indians to reservations in modern day Oklahoma

Key Concepts
<p><u>Manifest Destiny</u> - people believed that it was Gods will for all white people to take possession of the whole of the USA and make it a productive and civilised society.</p> <p><u>A permanent Indian Frontier</u> - In 1830, President John son signed the Indian Removal Act, which pressured 46,000 American Indians living in the east of America into moving to new lands west of the Mississippi River. Jackson promised that they would never have to give this land up, known as Indian Territory, and that they would be protected from Plains Indian tribes who already lived there and white settlers.</p> <p><u>Westward Expansion</u> - Texas became part of the USA in 1845 and when the USA won new territories in Oregon in 1846 and the West from Mexico in 1848 the Indian Frontier sat in the middle of the USA. The US government wanted US citizens to move to its new territories in the West. This meant that there was a change in US policy and that it was no longer the case that whites could not cross the Frontier.</p>



Enquiry questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How was the Plains Indians culture eroded? • How did government policy towards the Plains Indians develop? • Why did the government settle on a policy of integration? • How successful were the Plains wars?

Exam question stems
<p>Explain one consequence of.... (8)</p> <p>Write a narrative account analysing (8)</p> <p>Explain the significance of X for Y (8) (16)</p>

Key words and definitions	
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