

CHRONOLOGY

1848	Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo	1872	Yellowstone National Park created
1849–60s	California Gold Rush	1873	Timber Culture Act Red River War
1853	Gadsden Purchase	1874–75	Sioux battles in Black Hills of Dakotas
1858	Comstock Lode discovered	1876	Custer's Last Stand
1859	Cortina's War in South Texas	1877	Defeat of the Nez Percé
1862	Homestead Act makes free land available Morrill Act authorizes "land-grant" colleges	1881	Helen Hunt Jackson, <i>A Century of Dishonor</i>
1865–67	Great Sioux War	1882	Edmunds Act outlaws polygamy
1866	Texas cattle drives begin Medicine Lodge Treaty established reservation system Alaska purchased	1885–87	Droughts and severe winters cause the collapse of the cattle boom
1869	Board of Indian Commissioners created Buffalo Bill, the King of the Border Men, sets off "Wild West" publishing craze	1887	Dawes Severalty Act
1870s	Grasshopper attacks on the Great Plains	1890	Sioux Ghost Dance movement Massacre of Lakota Sioux at Wounded Knee Census Bureau announces the end of the frontier line
		1887	Forest Management Act gives the federal government authority over forest reserves