

Knowledge Organiser - The Wild West

Year 4 - History

The Great Plains



The Great Plains run through ten different states: Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma and Texas

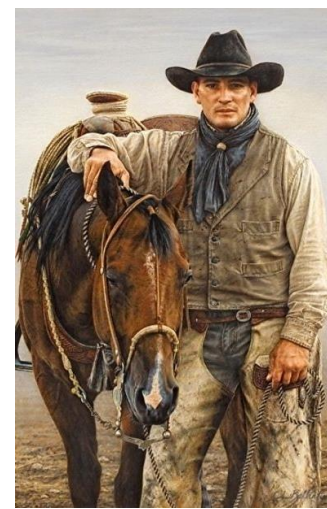
Different Native Indian Tribes

Key Vocabulary	Definitions
Tribe	The name given to the different groups of Plains Indians. E.g. Sioux
Band	Indian tribes were divided into bands
Chief	Leader of a band, chosen because of their wisdom/skills as a hunter/warrior.
Nomadic	Having no permanent home, travelling from place to place to find fresh pasture for animals.
Buffalo	Plains animal central to the Indians survival
Great Plains	Large grassland to the west of the Mississippi River. Tough environment with hot, cold winters and no vegetation.
Sioux	The biggest tribe on the Plains, made up of smaller tribes and bands e.g. Oglala and Dakota
Tipi	Home of the Plains Indians. Made of buffalo hide. It can be packed away quickly
Tribal council	A group of elders who made the decisions for the tribe/band.

Important Events and

- In 1863 there was a battle known as the Cheyenne Uprising. The **Cheyenne tribe** had agreed to the Fort Wise Treaty of 1861 and moved onto the Sand Creek Reservation.
- Battle of Little Bighorn took place on a reservation that had been given to the **Sioux tribe**

What did a cowboy wear?



- trousers (usually jeans)
- cotton shirt
- chaps (long leather leggings to protect their legs from thorns and cactus needles)
- wide-brimmed hat (protection from sun)
- neckerchief (protection from sunburn)
- heeled boot (also had spurs to help control the horse)
- belt with a gun holster

