

The West at Mid-Century:

- Wild West:
 - Few Europeans till 1850
 - Empty
 - Prairie and Mountains
 - Already legendary
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 - Anglo migration had marginalized Hispanic communities
- Trans-Mississippi Native Americans
 - 300,000 Indians living in many different cultures
 - Plains – Hunter / Gatherer
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 - Second generation of epidemics 1840s
 - Southwest Farmers
- Southwest – New Mexico / Arizona
 - Kearny 1847 post Mexican War occupation
 - 1850 domination by US Military
 - 1880s – 90s Railroad brought “American” economic expansion

California & Texas:

- Texas
 - After Independence – Anglos ran the Republic of Texas
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 - European immigration over-whelmed both Planters and Hispanics
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 - Texas – with the south till after the Civil War, then was “West”
- California
 - More Anglos than Hispanics by Mexican War
 - After the Mexican War (1847) Anglo immigration poured in
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 - Gold Rush brought more Anglos & Chinese
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 - Culturally with the East / Mid-west – industrial, commercial and crop farming

Migration to the West:

- Chinese immigration:
 - Between 1860 – 1880 200K – mostly male
 - Competition with Anglo Society
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 - Move to cities and limited integration
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 - 1882 US Congress Chinese Exclusion Act
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- Domestic Migration into the west:
 - Post Civil War
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 - Homestead Act of 1862
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 - Timber Culture Act of 1873
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 - Desert Land Act of 1877
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New West:

- 1860 – 80s Political Organization
 - Product of the Railroad
 - Territories organizing everything except Indian & areas of Montana / Utah and Oklahoma as well as the Mormons in Utah
 - Statehood: Nevada 1864, Nebraska 1867, Colorado 1876, N & S Dakota, Montana, Washington 1889, Wyoming 1890, Idaho 1890, Utah 1896
- Western Economy:
 - Three Stages of Western Economics
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 - Growing economy demanded new workers
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 - Mining 1860 – 1890s
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New West – continued:

- Cattle Ranching
 - Eastern Cities market
 - Open Prairie
 - Texans, Mustangs, Longhorns then Hereford
 - Cattle drives to Rail heads 1866 – Sedalia Mo.
 - Market moves west – Abilene
 - Adversaries
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 - Open Ranch v Closed Stock Ranch
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 - Corporate investment close to source – Armor & Swift
 - Frontier
 - Myth
 - Opportunity
 - Romance
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 - Victorious Challenge
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Western Problems:

- Indian Affairs:
 - Independent “Tribes” yet wards of the Government
 - Federal Gov. v State Gov v Locals
 - Reservation Policy
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 - Reduction of the Buffalo
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 - Indian Wars 1850 – 1880
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 - Dawes Act 1887
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Western Farming:

- Post Civil War
 - Contesting for land with Mining & Cattle
 - 1870 deluge of people
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 - Railroad expansion
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 - Bulging banking offering loans
 - 1880s overproduction dropped prices
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 - 1880 25% Tenant farmers 1910 – 37%
 - Problems
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