

UNIT 7 STUDY GUIDE

Answer the questions as we read together.

Section 1 A: Describe various problems that emerged in the West as settlers moved in.	
B: Why did the long horns become the main breed in the West?	
C: How does barbed wire affect the closing of the West?	
D: What are three causes of the long drive coming to an end?	
Section 2 A: Why was the Great Plains declared a desert?	
B: What were the provisions of the Homestead Act?	
C: What aspects of the Plains environment caused hardship on the settlers?	
D: What new technologies assisted farmers on the Plains?	
E: What different factors forced many Plains farmers in the late 1800s to give up their farms and head back east?	

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F: Why did the Census Bureau report that the frontier was closed?	
G: Identify four things that encouraged settlement of the Great Plains.	
Section 3 A: What is the relationship between a nomadic way of life and the buffalo?	
B: What factors led to the US creating the Indian Peace Commission?	
C: How did the Ghost Dance lead to violence on the Great Plains?	
D: Why did the US government support the killing of the buffalo on the Great Plains?	
E: How does the Dawes Act attempt to improve the situation of Native Americans?	
F: Provide three reasons why the Dawes Act failed.	