



Benchmark: Explain how perceptions and characteristics of geographic regions in the United States have changed over time

Shifting government policy, from moving Native Americans westward to that of placing them on reservations, contributed to the physical or geographical change of the West.



Homestead Act 1862

FARMING



Oklahoma Land Rush 1889

Mid-1800's: Placing Native Americans on Reservations resulted in opening the West to settlers

Dawes Act 1887: Reservations divided into plots for Indians--rest sold to white settlers



Ranching as Big Business



Mining as Big Business