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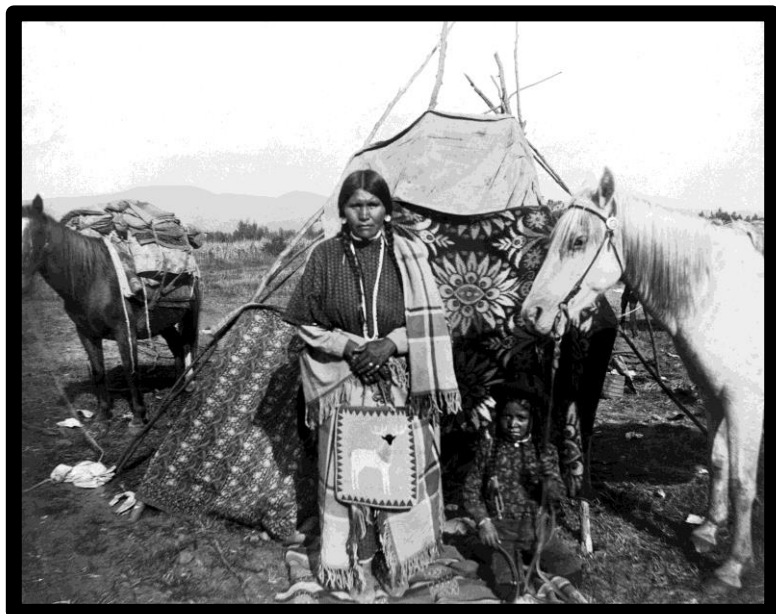
## Custer's Last Stand



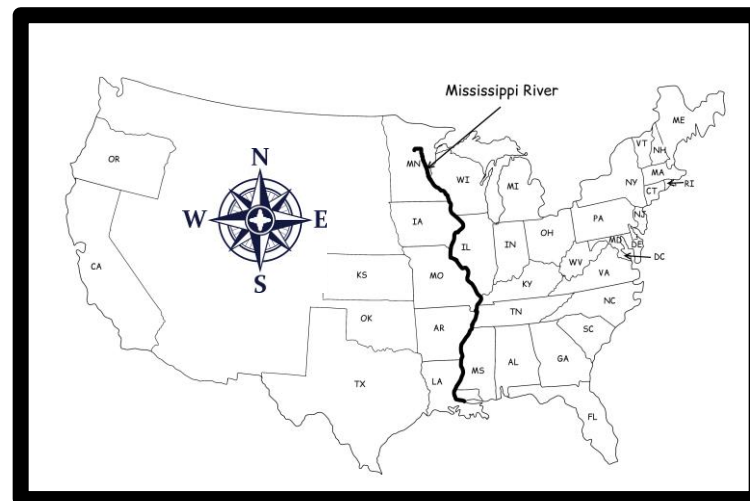
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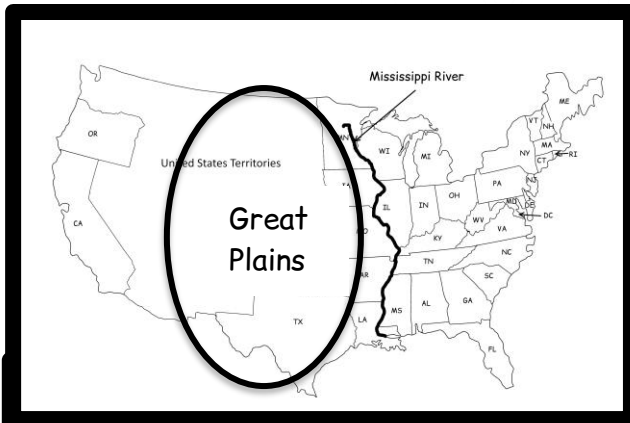
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Many **American Indians** lived west of the Mississippi River before the Civil War. There were not many white settlers out west.



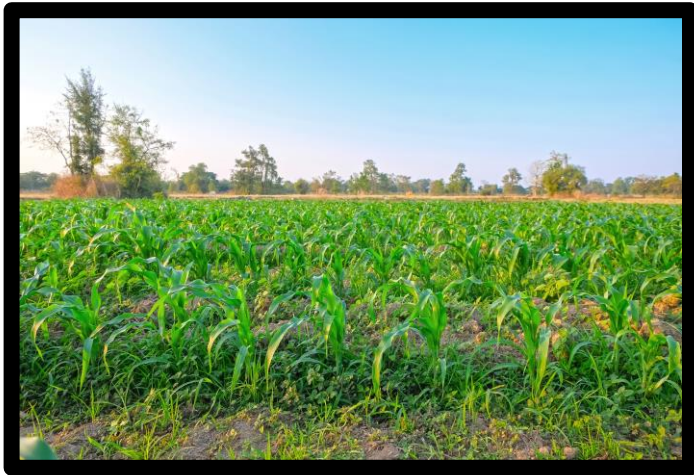
After the Civil War, many white settlers moved **west** of the Mississippi River. This caused problems between the Plains Indians and the settlers.



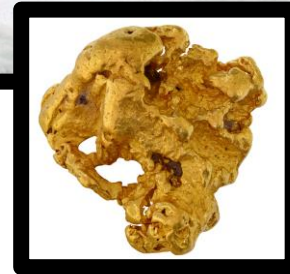
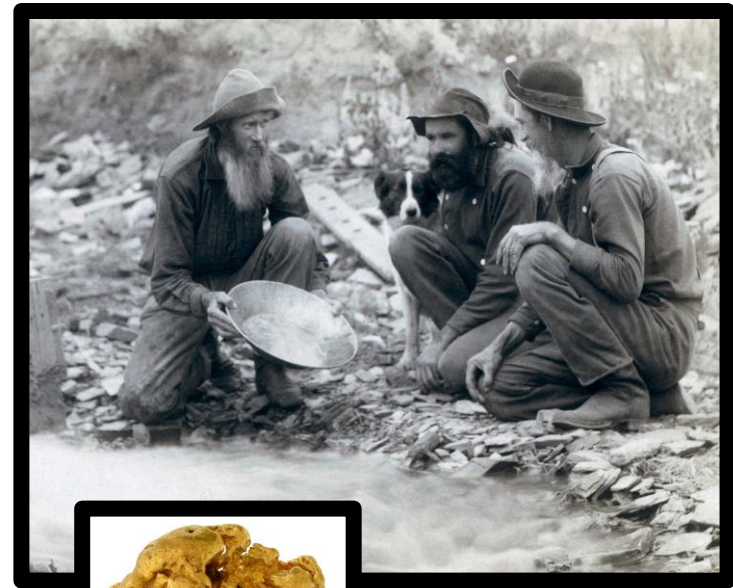
Many different Indian tribes lived on the Great Plains. They hunted buffalo. They ate the meat and used the hide to make leather.



The Great Plains Indians were nomads. They followed the buffalo. They slept in teepees. Teepees were easy to move.

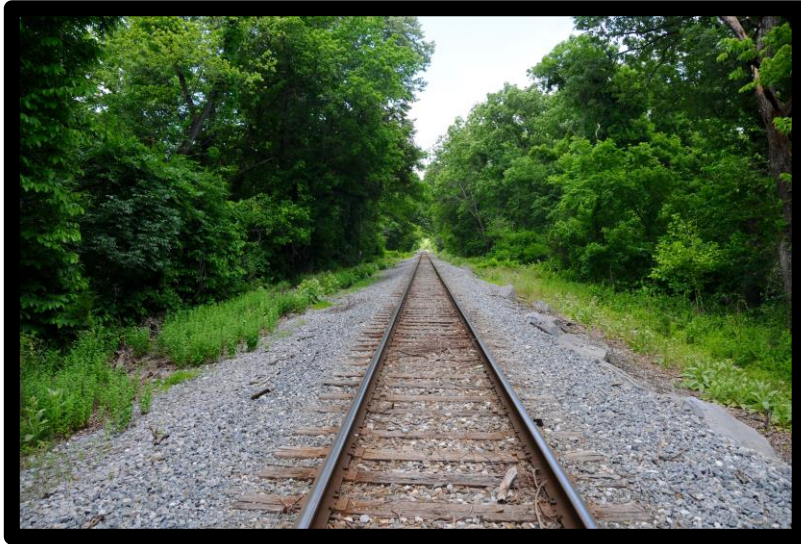


Many new settlers wanted land out west. They wanted to live out west and farm.

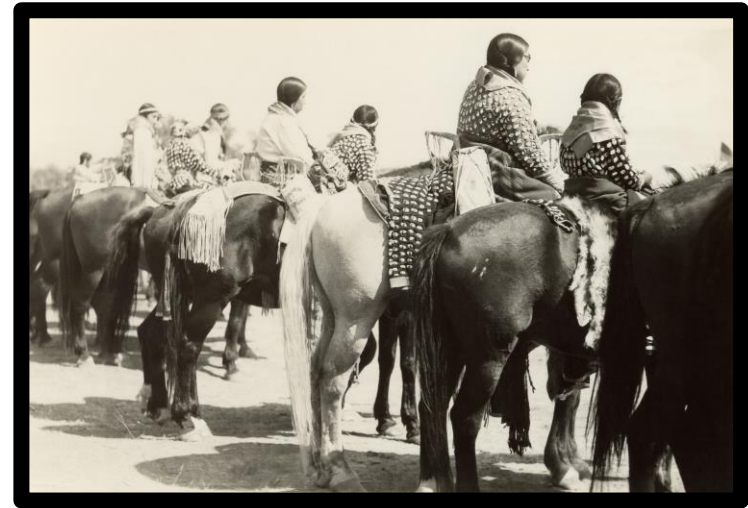


Gold nugget

**Gold** was discovered in the Black Hills. The Black Hills belonged to the Sioux Indians. Many Prospectors moved out west to look for gold.



Many people moved out west to get jobs making railroad tracks. In the 1860s a railroad was being built out west. It went all the way to California.



The Plains Indians and the new settlers didn't get along. The government made the Plains Indians move to reservations. They did not want to move. It was not fair.



Sitting Bull was a famous Sioux Indian leader. He and many other Indians liked moving around and hunting buffalo. They didn't stay on the reservation.

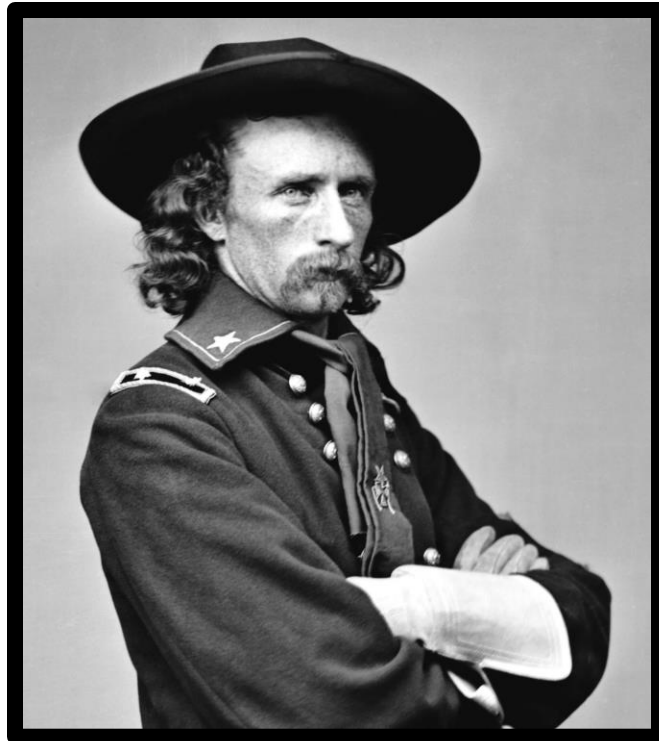


Buffalo bones



Buffalo skull

The U.S. military had a plan to make the Plains Indians stay on the reservation. The plan was to **kill** the **buffalo** out west. Then there would be no buffalo to hunt.



The U.S. Military also sent Lt. Col. **Custer** with 265 men out west. They tried to force Sitting Bull and other American Indians back to their reservations.



In 1876, Custer and his men arrived at Little Big Horn. They attacked the Indians. The Indians fought back and won that battle. Custer and his men were killed. The battle was called "**Custer's Last Stand**".



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The U.S. Military and the Plains Indians fought many battles out west. Eventually the Indians lost. They were forced to move back to their reservations.



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