History B (Schools History Project)
Unit 2: Schools History Project Depth Study
Option 2B: The American West, c1845–c1890

Wednesday 10 June 2015 – Morning
Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

You do not need any other materials.

Instructions
• Use black ink or ball-point pen.
• Fill in the boxes at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
• Answer Questions 1 and 2, EITHER Question 3 OR 4 and then EITHER Question 5(a) and 5(b) OR 6(a) and 6(b).
• Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

Information
• The total mark for this paper is 54.
• The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.
• Questions labelled with an asterisk (*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed – you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.
• The marks available for spelling, punctuation and grammar are clearly indicated.

Advice
• Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
• Check your answers if you have time at the end.
Answer Question 1 AND Question 2.

Question 1

Study Source A.

Source A: A painting of Plains Indians, c1880.

(Source: © Culture Club/Getty Images)
1. What can you learn from Source A about the lives of Plains Indians?

(Total for Question 1 = 4 marks)
2 The boxes below show two individuals.

Choose **one** and explain his role in the conflict between settlers and Plains Indians. (9)

- Red Cloud
- Custer
Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

EITHER

3  In what ways did the coming of the railroads change the lives of homesteaders?

You may use the following in your answer.

- Machinery
- Isolation

You must also include information of your own.

(Total for Question 3 = 12 marks)

OR

4  Why did the cattle industry grow so quickly in the years after 1865?

You may use the following in your answer.

- Cow towns
- John Iliff

You must also include information of your own.

(Total for Question 4 = 12 marks)
Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☑. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☑.

Chosen Question Number:  Question 3 ☐  Question 4 ☐
Answer EITHER Question 5 OR Question 6.

You must answer both parts of the question you choose.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be assessed in *(b).*

EITHER

5  (a) Describe the problems faced by the Donner Party migrating West in the years 1846–47. 

*(b) ‘Cattlemen and homesteaders were equally to blame for the Johnson County War.’

Do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer.

• The Wyoming Stock Growers’ Association
• Cattle rustling

You must also include information of your own.

(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)
(Total for Question 5 = 29 marks)

OR

6  (a) Describe the role of vigilantes in dealing with law and order.

*(b) ‘The search for wealth was the main reason why many Americans migrated West in the 1840s.’

Do you agree? Explain your answer.

You may use the following in your answer.

• The Californian Gold Rush
• The Mormons

You must also include information of your own.

(Total for spelling, punctuation and grammar = 4 marks)
(Total for Question 6 = 29 marks)
Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

Chosen Question Number:  Question 5 ☐  Question 6 ☐