

The White people move West

As more and more people came to live in America new places to live were needed. The people started to move away from the cities and across America to the plains.

At first the Plains Indians welcomed the white people because they believed everyone had a right to share the land. After a little while problems started.

The white people were bringing lots of problems for the Indian people. To start with they killed the buffalo so there were not enough left for the Indians, then they started to take over land that had always been used by the Plains Indians. A big problem was that they brought disease, simple things like a cold made the Indians very ill and some even died.

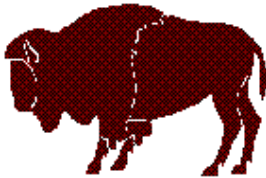
The white people travelled in wagons pulled by horses sometimes hundreds came at the same time. The white people were looking for new places to live and also looking for gold to make them rich. There was lots of gold in the areas the Indians lived and the white people tried to force the Indians to leave. So the Plains Indians started to fight back.

QUESTIONS

Copy out the sentence and the answer True or False.

1. The Plains Indians welcomed the white people. True or False
2. The White people did not bring any problems. True or False
3. They white people killed lots of buffalo. True or False
4. The white people shared the land with the Indians. True or False
5. Even a simple cold could make the Indians very ill. True or False
6. The white people travelled in cars. True or False
7. The white people were looking for gold. True or False
8. The white people tried to make the Indians leave their land. True or False
9. The Plains Indians started to fight back. True or False

Now cut out these pictures and stick them in your book.



buffalo



Wagons to travel in



A white settler



Plains Indians fighting



A plains
Indian

EXTENSION

Imagine you are a Native American who has seen the arrival of the white people and all the trouble they have brought.

Write a diary extract describing your thoughts and feelings about what has happened.