

# Cultures Clash on the Prairie

## - Activity

## assimilation:

- name of plan to make Native Americans part of white culture

**coup:**

- an act of bravery performed in battle

## longhorn:

- sturdy cattle accustomed to dry grassland

long drive:

- three-month long overland transport of cattle

Occurrence:

Discovery of gold in Colorado

## Importance:

It drew tens of thousands of miners to the region and replaced unspoiled landscapes with filthy, ramshackle settlements.

Occurrence:

Sand Creek Massacre



## Importance:

More than 150 Cheyenne were killed, mostly women and children.

Occurrence:

Treaty of Fort Laramie

## Importance:

The Sioux were forced to live on a reservation along the Missouri River. But Native Americans resisted the restrictions placed on them.

## Occurrence:

Invasion by gold miners of Sioux's  
sacred Black Hills

## Importance:

Led to violent conflict between the natives and the miners

Occurrence:

Custer's Last Stand

## Importance:

Cheyenne and Sioux warriors killed Custer and all the men of the Seventh Cavalry.

Occurrence:

Assimilation formalized in the Dawes Act



Importance:

to “Americanize” Native Americans and  
make them become farmers

## Occurrence:

The spread of the Ghost Dance  
movement

the Battle of Wounded Knee

## Importance:

The Seventh Cavalry slaughtered 300 unarmed Native Americans.