

The American West thinking quilt.

Using different coloured pencils, colour in the corner of each box you could use to answer these knowledge questions about the American West.

Challenge: Think of other keywords, events or people that you could use in your answers, and write them in the empty boxes at the bottom.

Questions relating to the Oregon Trail (1836)
Questions relating to the First Transcontinental Railroad (1869)
Questions relating to the Homestead Act (1862)
Questions relating to the Fort Laramie Treaty (1851)
Questions relating to the growth and development of the cattle industry.

\$10 per 160 acre plot.	Moved Indians to reservations.	Land either side of the tracks was sold to settlers.	The Union Pacific and the Central Pacific.	Encourage families to settle in the West.
New farming methods – dry farming, Turkey red wheat, wind mills to pump out water.	Protect Indians; give them specific territories for ever. Pay them money to move there.	\$16,000 was paid for every mile of track laid, \$48,000 for every mile in the mountains.	Disrupted buffalos and made it hard for Indians to live their traditional life.	Brought agricultural machinery and other industrial products to the West.
1851	1862	1869	1836	Cattle Barons
It crossed the Great Plains.	Brought buffalo hunters out to the Plains.	To stop rich landowners buying all the land.	Loss of Indian independence.	McCoy and the Chisolm Trial to Abilene to trains EAST
Railheads were used to transport cattle to the cities of the east for processing.	To solve the conflict between migrants using the Oregon Trail and the Indians.	It was built from both sides and then met in the middle.	Allowed railroad companies to look at the land and allow roads to be built.	Homesteaders got another 160 acres if they planted trees on ¼ of their land.
Goodnight – Loving Trail WEST.	Took land from the Indians.	Whites broke it, so led to resentment.	Made travelling west much cheaper and easier.	New crimes – train robberies.
Live on it for 5 years, plant it, Pay \$30 for life.	Problems farming the land.	Led to increased pressure on food supplies for Plains Indians.	Carried farm produce to the eastern cities.	A 3000km long trail from East to West.
Allowed migrants through without attacking them.	More migrants crossed Indian land along the Oregon Trail.	Illif- ranches on the Great Plains.	Encouraged migration and settlement in the West.	Used by those who wanted to reach California in the West.
Barbed wire 1875.	Abilene – cow town.	Cattle drives from Texas.	Winter of 1886-87.	Open Range.

