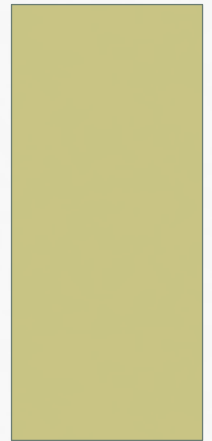


# CHAPTER 5 SECTIONS

## 4 & 5

FRONTIER MYTHS



# POPULISM

- A movement started by farmers and other working class people.
- Demanded radical changes in Federal economic and social policies (progressive income tax)



# FADING FRONTIER

- By 1900 most of the frontier had been tamed and turned into states.



# YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

- The country's first national park.
- Created in Wyoming in 1872 to preserve Western lands.



# ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT

- The frontier had symbolized the individualistic, adventurous spirit of America.



# MYTHS OF THE “WILD WEST”



- Destruction of the Native American culture and the contribution of immigrants from Japan and China is overlooked when glorifying the “Wild West”

# LAND OF OPPORTUNITY?

- Most settlers in the West struggled and often gave up and went back home.



# AFRICAN AMERICANS

- Over 9000 went West to become Cowboys or Ranchers.
- Thousands more served in the military.





# BUFFALO SOLDIERS

- African American soldiers serving in the U.S Army out West. ( Nicknamed this by Native Americans )



# ASIAN IMMIGRANTS

- Asians on the West Coast were isolated into separate neighborhoods and prohibited from owning land.



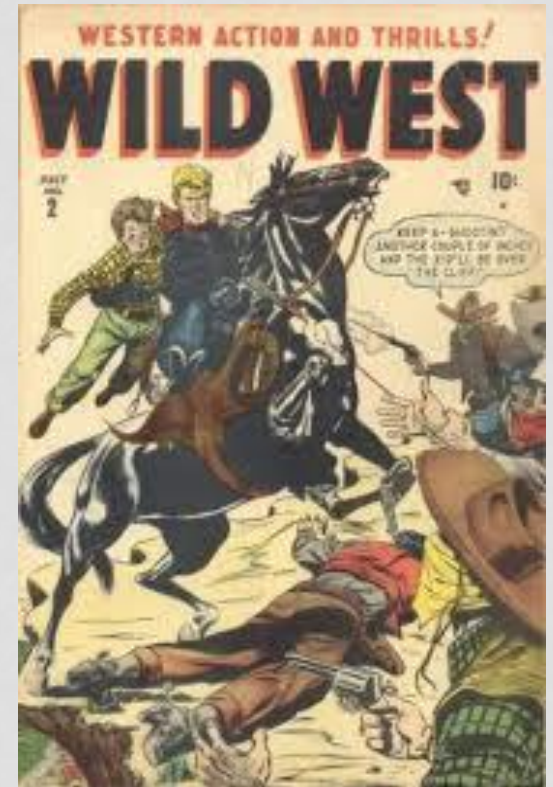
# DESTROYING THE ENVIRONMENT



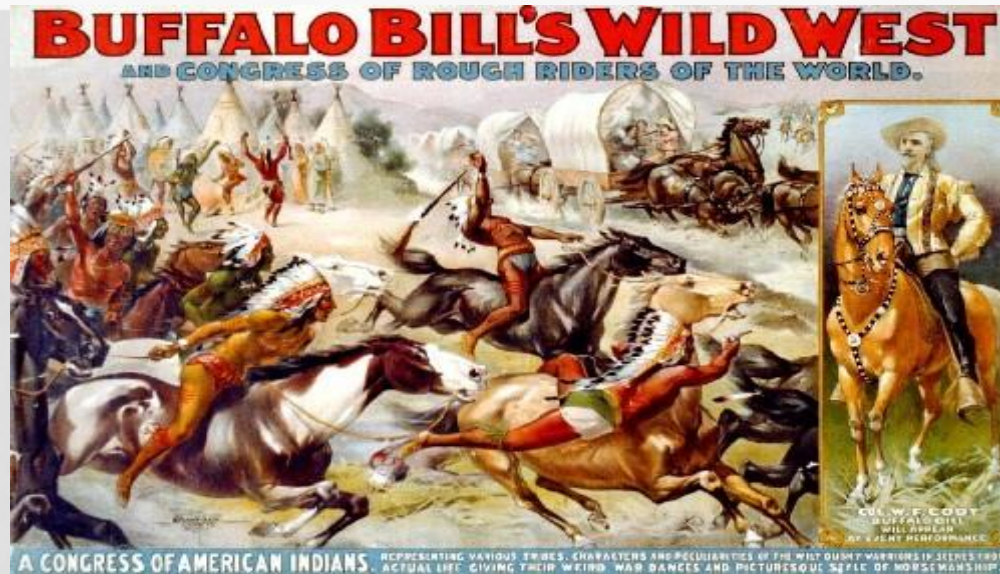
- Settling the West greatly affected the natural environment.
  - Treated natural resources like they were limitless.
  - Railroad tunnels destroyed mountains.
  - Huge mines scarred the land and leveled forests.
  - Over cultivation eroded fields.
  - Senseless slaughter nearly wiped out the buffalo.

# ROMANTIC IMAGE

- The false image of the American Cowboy was created by adventure novels about stage coach robberies and killings.



# BUFFALO BILL



- William Cody ( A.K.A. Buffalo Bill ) helped create the myth of the “Wild West” with his shows.
- “Wild West” shows were like a circus with rodeos, roping contests, and staged battles between the “Good” Army and the “Bad” Indians.

# STEREOTYPE

- The stereotype of the “Wild West” character was that you had to be tough and “mean with a pistol” to survive.
- The reality is that most were not.



# GIRL SCOUTS

- Created in 1912 to “make girls tougher”.  
(Boy Scouts were created in 1911 )



# CHAPTER 5 REVIEW

- Complete **Key Terms** (#1-12) on page 202
- Next, complete **Comprehension** (#1-8) on page 202