

Western Frontier



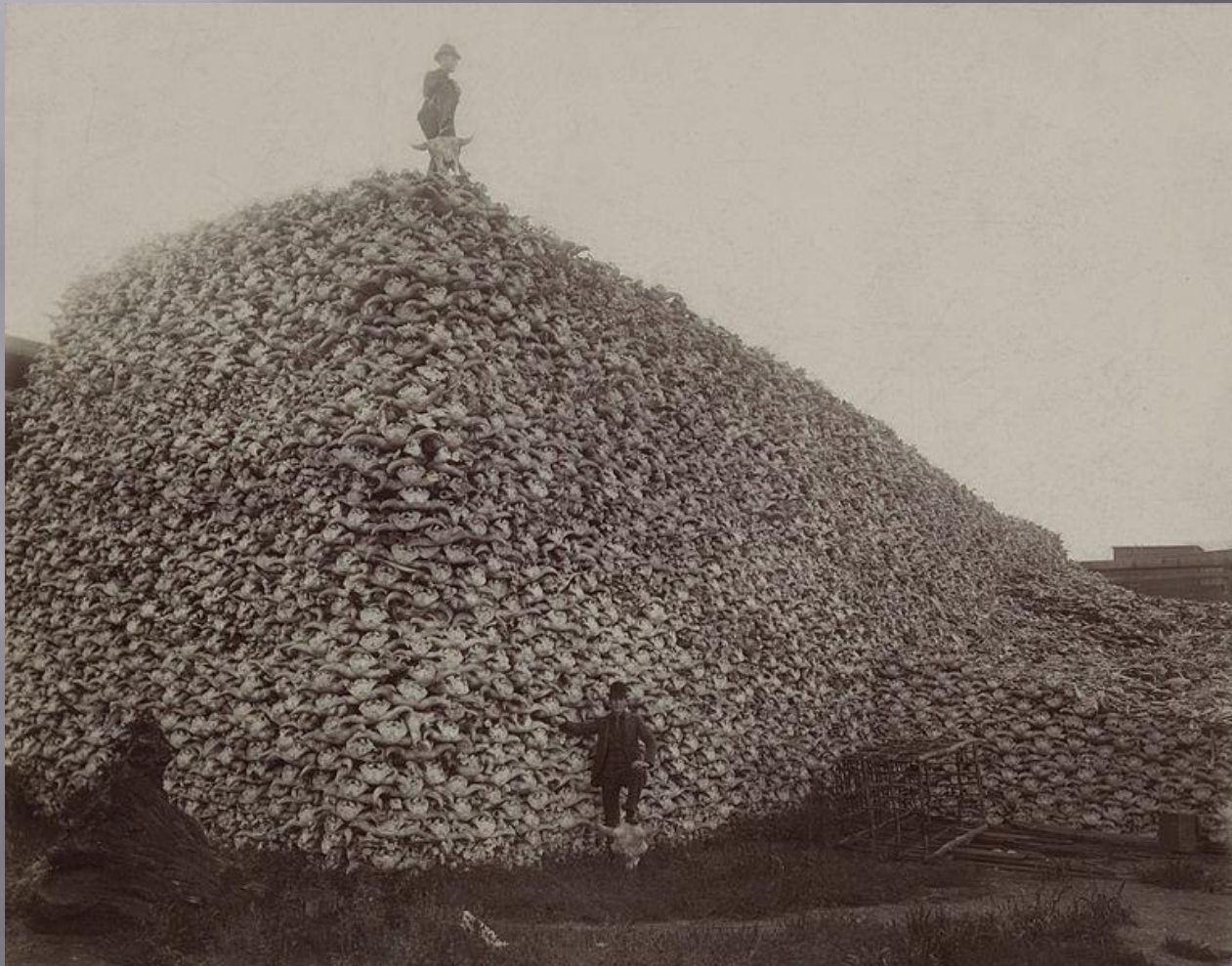
Assimilation

- ▣ the process through which individuals and groups of differing heritages acquire the basic habits, attitudes, and mode of life of an embracing culture (Merriam-Webster)
- ▣ Congress passed the Dawes Act
 - Attempt to “Americanize” the Native Americans
 - Native American Boarding School Movement

Before & After Photos



Destruction of the Buffalo



Wounded Knee → End of Indian Wars

- ▣ Significance of Ghost Dance
 - Death of Sitting Bull
- ▣ December 28, 1890 – 7th cavalry takes 350 starving & freezing Sioux to a camp at Wounded Knee Creek in S.D.
 - next day soldiers demand Sioux weapons
 - a shot was fired & soldiers opened fire
 - 300 Natives killed including many children

Cattle Ranching



Chisholm Trail



The American Cowboy



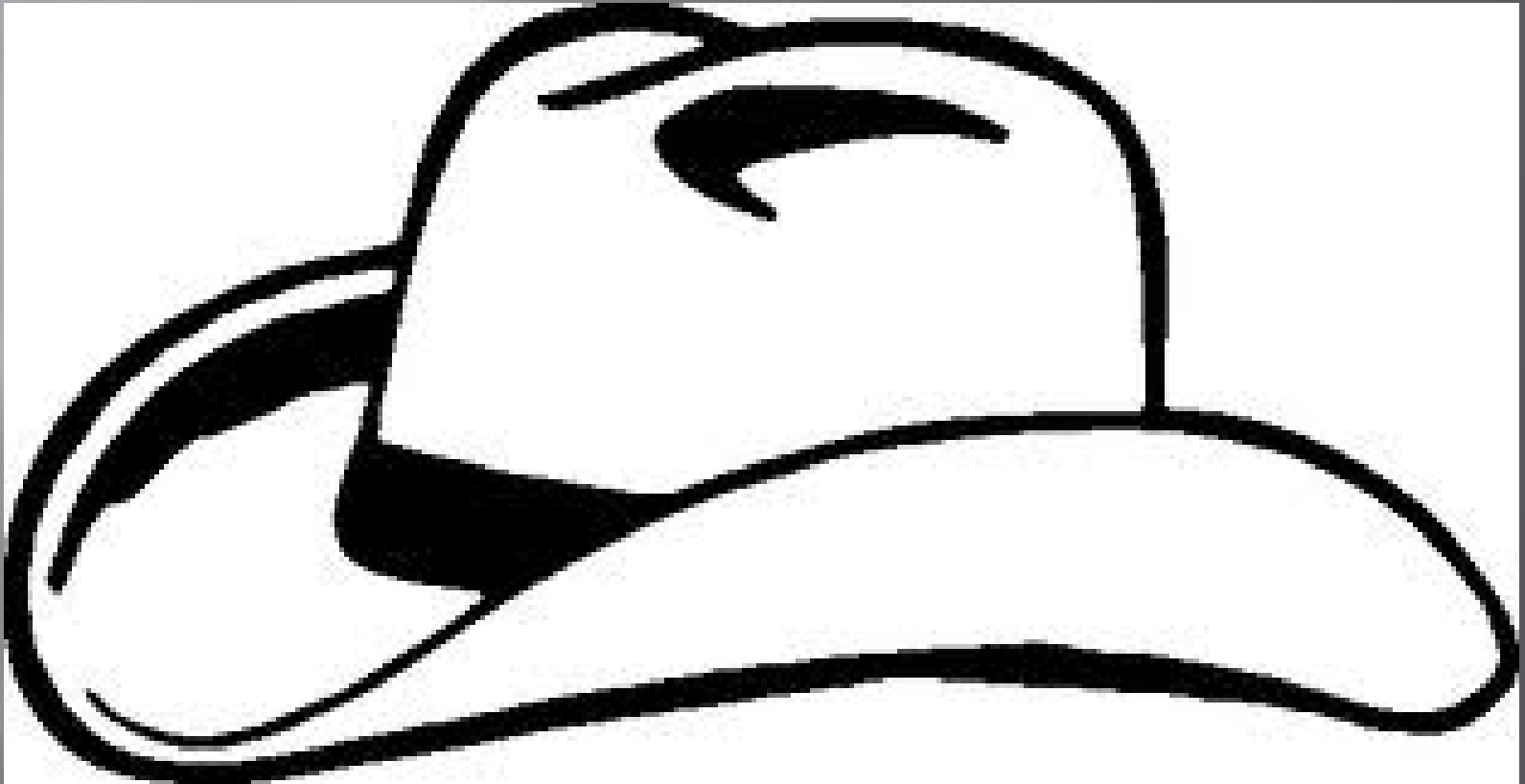
Cowboy Myths & Truths

- ❑ The cowboy life was glamorous.
- ❑ Most cowboys had small or medium physiques.
- ❑ A cowboy would ride his favorite horse all day.
- ❑ Many Texas cowboys were Mexican or African American.
- ❑ Most Texas cowboys were older, experienced wranglers.
- ❑ Women could not be cowboys.
- ❑ Cowboys often had to fight off Native Americans.
- ❑ The word “cowboy” was invented in Texas.

Spanish Language & Mexican Culture Influence Cowboys

- ▣ Vaca = Cow
- ▣ Ranchero = Rancher
- ▣ Corro = Corral
- ▣ Mesteños = Mustangs
- ▣ Cocinero = Cook

The Cowboy Hat



The End of the Wide-Open West

WHY?

Overgrazing the land

Extended bad weather

and...



Railroads Lead to Settlement in The West




Homestead Act (1862)

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