

**UNIT 11.4**

**FARMING & POPULISM**

**MR LANCHORST**


Government wants people to populate the west



<http://www.rootsweb.com/~necuster/galre3.html>

HOMESTEAD ACT – 1862,  
the U.S. government  
offered 160 acres free to  
anyone who would live on  
the land and make  
improvements in 5 years

EXODUSTER – African Americans moved west to set up farms, some in Kansas



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# 50,000 Exodusters in Kansas, Missouri, Indiana and Illinois



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A detailed historical map of the Pacific Northwest, showing the coast of Washington and Oregon. The map is color-coded by territory: pink for the northern part, green for the central part, and yellow for the southern part. Major cities like Seattle, Tacoma, and Portland are marked. The map includes a title 'PACIFIC NORTHWEST' at the top and a legend at the bottom.

# Government gave land to railroads to sell

<http://www.elkhorncity.net/police/images/RRMap.gif>



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SODBUSTERS – settlers who build homes of sod on the plains



<http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndrs/exhibitions/pioneer/images/79.jpg>



[http://www.nebraskastudies.org/0500/media/0501\\_010803.jpg](http://www.nebraskastudies.org/0500/media/0501_010803.jpg)

These pioneers also burn dried buffalo manure for fuel



<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/trailofthe49ers/chores.htm>

Settlers must face prairie fires, hailstorms, tornados, grasshoppers, drought



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JOHN DEERE creates the steel plow



<http://clustersa.cesa10.k12.wi.us/clustersa/ZETA/falccreek/andy/plow1a.jpg>

Windmills are created to help pump the water



Reapers help with the harvest

As farmers raise better crops the price of the crop goes down

But it is costing farmers more to maintain the equipment



Railroads also control the grain elevators and the farmers crop



GRANGE – in 1867 farmers organize themselves into a political power

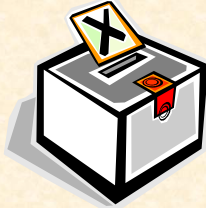


COOPERATIVES – organization of farmers to help them work together





POPULIST PARTY – a new political party created in 1890 that supports the Free Silver Policy



FREE SILVER POLICY – wants unlimited coining of silver, creates more money and prices go up



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GOLD STANDARD POLICY – government back a limited amount of gold, less money available, prices stay low



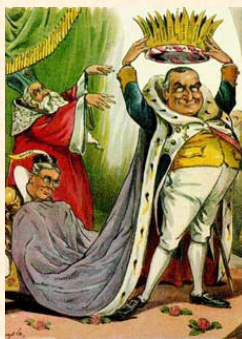
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WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN – Populist party candidate from Nebraska runs for President in 1896

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WILLIAM McKINLEY wins the 1896 election and populist party never really comes back



<http://www.iath.virginia.edu/seminar/unit8/home.htm>

OKLAHOMA had been Indian Territory but in 1890 opens up to settlers claiming land



[http://www.affordablehousinginitiative.org/blog/oklahoma\\_land\\_rush\\_1889\\_small.jpg](http://www.affordablehousinginitiative.org/blog/oklahoma_land_rush_1889_small.jpg)

In 1890 census bureau said there is no more frontier

1893 FREDRICK JACKSON TURNER writes an essay on the end of the American Frontier – this unique part of the U.S. is over

