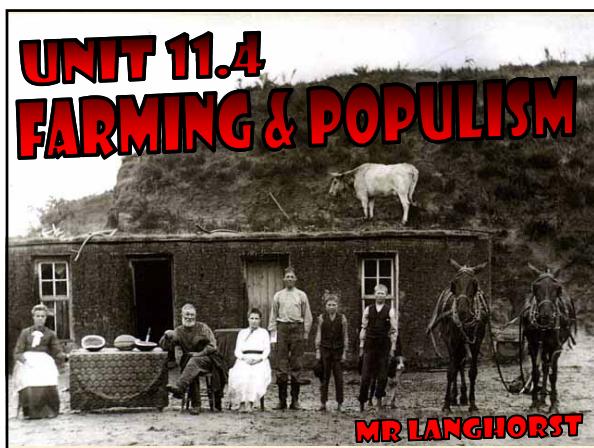


UNIT 11.4 FARMING & POPULISM



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

Government wants people to populate the west



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

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



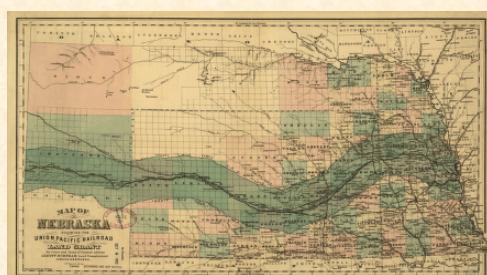
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EXODUSTER – African Americans moved west to set up farms, some in Kansas



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Government gave land to railroads to sell



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



SODBUSTERS - settlers
who build homes of sod on
the plains

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<http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndis/exhibitions/pioneer/images/79.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://clustra.cesa10.k12.wi.us/clustra/ZETA/fallcreek/andyk/plow1a.jpg>

Windmills are created to help pump the water



http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/history/images/hist_reaper.jpg

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



<http://www.nebraskafarmersunion.org/us/PointTexas.jpg>

Railroads also control the grain elevators and the farmers crop



http://www.benlogann.com/images/1909_Milwaukee_train.jpg

GRANGE – in 1867 farmers organize themselves into a political power



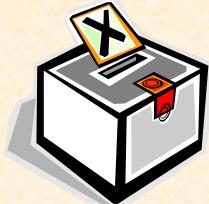
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COOPERATIVES – organization of farmers to help them work together



http://planefacts.co.uk/nav/jersey_scenes/images/threshing.jpg.jpg

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



http://www.sunshinesilver.com/sunshine_silver_bars_bullion.jpg

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



<http://www.turbosquid.com/FullPreview/Index.cfm/ID/308259>

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



<http://cache.eb.com/eb/image?id=62094&rendTypeID=4>

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.affordablehousinginstitute.org/blogs/oklahoma_land_rush_1890_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

