**Honors U.S. History**

**“The West: Episode Nine - One Sky Above Us”**

**Mr. Fernandez**

Answer the following as you view this documentary by Ken Burns:

1. “If you tie a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a stake, do you expect it will grow fat?” Chief Joseph
2. What was celebrated in Chicago in 1893?
3. How many people paid to get into the fair in 1893?
4. What were the brand new western states?
5. Describe Montana’s exhibit hall.
6. Who declared for the first time the closing of the frontier?
7. What was the American population in 1893?
8. How many Americans lived west of the Mississippi River at this time?
9. How many generations had Thomas Jefferson predicted it would take for America to populate the West?
10. Describe the myth of the West in America.
11. How the West was “settled without logic?”
12. What happened in the settlement of Los Angeles?
13. Who was William Mulholland?
14. Why did Frederick Eaton start buying up acreage in the Owen Valley?
15. How many tunnels had to be blasted through the mountains?
16. How many workers were needed for this project?
17. How many died in the six years it took to complete this aqueduct?
18. “The West had seen nothing like it since the building of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
19. What happened to the Owens Valley as a result of the L.A. Aqueduct?
20. According to historian Dayton Duncan, what is the recurring historical lesson to be learned in the West by settlers… “Didn’t they get it?”
21. Describe the experience of Mariano Guadalupe Vallero in the West.
22. How did he compare himself to his old ranch house?
23. For what reasons were Mexicans coming north into the United States in the 1890s?
24. “All in all, my years on the trail were the happiest I ever lived. There were many hardships and dangers… but… we were \_\_\_\_\_ and full of the zest of darers.”

Charles Goodnight

1. What did Goodnight decide to do to memorialize his experiences in the West?
2. What image of the West did Americans seem to prefer? What is wrong with this image?
3. Describe the experience of Hidatsa leader and doctor Buffalo Bird Woman.
4. In what ways did she rebel against the cultural superiority of the white man?
5. Explain how Wolf Chief was different from his sister “Buffalo Bird Woman.”
6. To what American presidents did Wolf Chief write? For what reasons or issues?
7. What was the content of one of his last letters?
8. What was returned to the Hidatsa in 1938? What happened afterward?
9. What was John Love’s dream?
10. Describe what happened to them in their first Winter together.
11. Describe the Spring that resulted from the second Winter season.
12. What does it mean for a bank to “foreclose?”
13. What does the Love family story teach us about the American character and the West?
14. What is the purpose of the rattlesnake meat story?
15. How many years did John and Ethel Love live at Muskrat Creek?
16. Were they successful? Explain your answer.
17. What was one of Chief Joseph’s great characteristics, according to Scott Momaday?
18. Chief Joseph met personally with which two American presidents? What did he want?
19. In what ways did he rebel against American culture?
20. In what year did “Thunder Rolling in the Mountains” die? Of what?
21. What do we, as Americans, have to learn from a careful study of the West?