**Ch. 9 Dealing With The Indians**

*Discussion Questions*

1. Explain Turner’s thesis on the American Frontier. What were the implications?
2. What was the Ghost Dance? Why would Native Americans at that time believed this?
3. What happened at Wounded Knee?
4. Describe the Massacre at Washita River.
5. Who was Francis A. Walker? Explain his vision for a reservation system.
6. Who was Henry Dawes? What was his criticism of reservations?
7. What was the Dawes Act of 1887? How did it differ from Walker’s policy?
8. Who would benefit from the Dawes Act?
9. According to Congress (in 1902) what was to become of land owned by an Indian when the owner died?
10. How did Lone Wolf dispute the seizure of Indian lands? What was the response of the U.S. Supreme Court?
11. Explain Collier’s Indian Reorganization Act of 1934- Why did Collier think that the communal life of Indians was worth protecting?
12. Why did the Navajos reject Collier’s reorganization plan?
13. Who was Kit Carson?
14. What was the Long Walk?
15. Why did Collier claim that the Navajo needed to reduce the number of their sheep? What was the Navajo’s rejection? Who was right?
16. Why do you think Collier perceived the Navajos as “anxious and hostile”?