Wild West

• The American Wild West took place in the Western United States. It occurred in 1800’s.
Native Americans

• People were moving into the home of Native Americans. This caused many fights. The people moving onto to these lands claimed the land as their land. The Native American didn't believe that anyone could own land. They believed the land was there for everyone to use and enjoy.
Native Americans

- No one really knows how many Native American people lived in North America. Some estimates go as high as 100 million people. There were 240 Native American tribes.
Moving West

- Thousands of people moved west to get more land. Wagon trains moved many settlers.
Many Types of People

- The American west had all sorts of people including pioneers, business people, scouts, lawmen, outlaws, gangs, gunslingers, and cowboys. Most of these people had one thing in common... they were looking for an opportunity and they weren't afraid of adventure.
Old Legends

• Many legends have come out of the Old West, but none as big as the outlaws. Some of the most famous outlaws were: Billy the Kid, Belle Star, Black Bart, Jesse James, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.
Cattle Drives

- People would move cattle around from ranches to railroads. They would sell the cattle for money. This was called a cattle drive. A famous cattle drive was called Chisolm Trail and happened in 1867.
Another big part of the Old West was the Wild West Show. Buffalo Bill created a wild west show that included a rodeo and sharpshooting. One of his most famous sharpshooter was a woman. Her name was Annie Oakley.
The Pony Express

• The Pony Express, started in 1860, was a way for messages to be delivered to people across the west. It only lasted for a little over a year, because then the telegraph was invented.
Barbed Wire

• In 1874, Joseph Glidden invented barbed wire. The fencing changed farming and ranching in the Wild West.