



## U. S. History Tour Questions and Answers

1. How does Buck Taylor describe a “frontier?”  
A line between the “known and unknown.”
2. How did Indian tribes educate their young people about their history, their culture and their religion? Pictures drawn on rock or hide, stories of their history and special religious days celebrated by the tribe
3. Give an example from Esihibatu (pictures drawn on rock, special celebrated days) and Sun Boy (pictures drawn on hides).
4. What were three commercial uses for buffalo hides or bones?  
Buffalo hides were used for leather, and wearing buffalo coats was a big fashion craze during the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, bones could be used for making fine bone china, jewelry, buttons and other novelties. Bones could also be ground into fertilizer.
5. What was the point of View of Cynthia Ann Parker about buffalo hunters?  
She could see that her tribe was suffering from hunger and cold without the buffalo for food.
6. What was the point of view of the military about the buffalo hunters?  
They did not discourage their hunting, even on lands reserved for Indians because it made it easier to force the Indians on to reservations.
7. Who were the “Buffalo Soldiers?” Black soldiers who came into the frontier after the Civil War to fight against the Indians.
8. How did the military mission on the frontier change after the Civil War?  
Before the were to keep peace—after the Civil War, they were to wage war against the Indians until they gave up their rights to the land and moved to designated places.
9. What important things would a trail boss need to know before taking his cattle along the long cattle trail to the railroads? A good sense of geography, knowledge of where the water was, and alternate routes around Indian tribes or trouble areas.
10. What was Britt Johnson’s occupation after the Civil War? Freighter
11. What was the purpose of the Butterfield Stagecoach line? To carry mail and passengers across Texas from St. Louis, Fort Smith to San Francisco.

12. How long did it take to travel from Ft. Smith to San Francisco?  
About three weeks, traveling day and night.
13. Why did so many American's want to go to California during the 1850's?  
Gold was discovered there in 1849.
14. What were three facts about Elizabeth Carter Clifton? (See spirit guide bio sheet)
15. What did Mrs. Clifton mean about living "hand to mouth?" Barely making a living with little or nothing left over.
16. Name two frontier military forts that were located in the area described as Frontier Texas! Fort Phantom, Fort Griffin, Fort Concho, Fort Chadbourne, Fort Richardson, Fort Belknap, Fort Mason, Fort McKavett.
17. What three changes signaled the end of the frontier?  
Barbed wire, windmills, steel plows, railroads, settlements, among other things