

### *What do you think?*

- ❖ When the early European settlers arrived in North America, what did they find?
- ❖ What happened when the Europeans settled in the New World?
- ❖ How would you describe the relationship between early settlers & the land?
- ❖ How would you describe the relationship between Native Americans & the land?

#### ❖ **Journal Entry #2**

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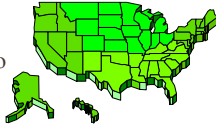
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### Continental United States

- ❖ 3,000 miles (Pacific to Atlantic)
- ❖ 1,200 miles (Gulf of Mexico to Canada)
- ❖ Encompasses 2.3 billion acres (3,787,000 square miles)
- ❖ Abundant natural resources



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What did they find?

- ❖ North America inhabited by humans about 14,000+ years ago
- ❖ At least 10,000,000 Native Indians
- ❖ Lived as part of the land utilizing game, fish, fruits, vegetables
- ❖ Established irrigation systems, managed forests & grasslands and wildlife populations

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“Incompatible visions for America. . .”

- ❖ Settlers came in search of resources
- ❖ Incompatible views of the land
- ❖ Manifest Destiny
- ❖ *“Handy work of man met the handy work of nature. . .”*



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“The west was lost and won. . .”

- ❖ 1850 - 80% of all U.S. land was owned by Federal Government
- ❖ 1850 -Indian Reservation System created
- ❖ 1850 - expansion westward by Settlers
- ❖ 1900 - more than 50% of land given away or sold at low cost; rangelands severely degraded



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## Decline of Bison

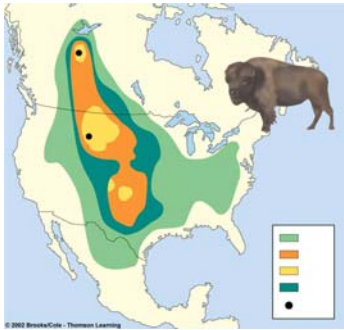


Figure 2-1 Historical range 1500, 1850, 1870, 1880, 1906 (Pg 22)

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