

Battle of the Little Bighorn

- Following the Civil War the U.S. engaged in a number of conflicts with the Tribes living west of the Mississippi. These conflicts were known as “The Indian Wars.”
- The primary issue of these wars was land.
- The U.S. government made several treaties with the various Tribes to define Indian lands

- As ever increasing numbers of Americans moved through and sometimes settled on, Indian land, these treaties were often ignored or broken by the government.
- Native Americans fought the U.S. for decades.
- They were overwhelmed by the superior numbers and weapons technology of the U.S. Army.

- On Several occasions the Native Americans defeated the Army in individual battles.
- One of the most famous was the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana.
- June 25, 1876 General. Custer led 220 troopers in an attack on over 2,000 Sioux and Cheyenne. Custer and his command were wiped out.