"A Cold Death"

United States History & Government

Directions: After reading the article "A Cold Death," answer the following questions.

- 1. What role did the expansion of the railroads play in the decline of the Native Americans of the Great Plains?
- 2. What role did the destruction of the buffalo play in the decline of Native Americans?
- 3. How did the U.S. government get Native Americans to move to reservations?
- 4. Explain the U.S. policy of "Americanization" or assimilation that was applied toward Native American cultures in the late 1800s and early 1900s.
- 5. How did the Dawes Act disrupt Native American landholding patterns?
- 6. What was the purpose of the Ghost Dance?
- 7. How did the federal government react to the Ghost Dance?