

HOW TO GIVE ATTRIBUTION (CREDIT) TO YOUR SOURCES

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EXAMPLES:

According to history.com, . . . ("Flying Ponies," 2015). [no personal author]

Historian Brian Jones (2014) explained that

An article in *True West* magazine related that . . . (Phillips, 2016).

[Sources listed on the References page, beginning with: Flying; Jones; Phillips]

Some historians believe that used blankets infected with smallpox were given to Indians with the intention of spreading the deadly virus to them as one way of dealing with the Indian problem. Blood and Thunder (2006) author Hampton Sides stated that "one out of every ten Native Americans living along the Missouri River drainage was dead from the smallpox epidemic of 1837." As Sides pointed out, whether intentional or not, smallpox decimated the Indian tribes of the Missouri Valley. **This decimation of their numbers made the Indians more suspicious and antagonistic toward white settlers and the white government officials.**

Another factor in the conflict between Indian and white cultures was the massive killing of the bison that Indians relied on for everything. According to an article in *True West* (2014), nearly all the bison on the plains were wiped out in little over a decade by white hunters and sportsmen. The article explained that as the train tracks were added heading west, train cars full of men armed with long rifles would move slowly across the plains, allowing the men to massacre thousands of bison a day for sport. **Seeing their sacred buffalo slaughtered and left to rot sickened and angered the tribes who needed the bison in order to survive in the way they had lived for generations.**