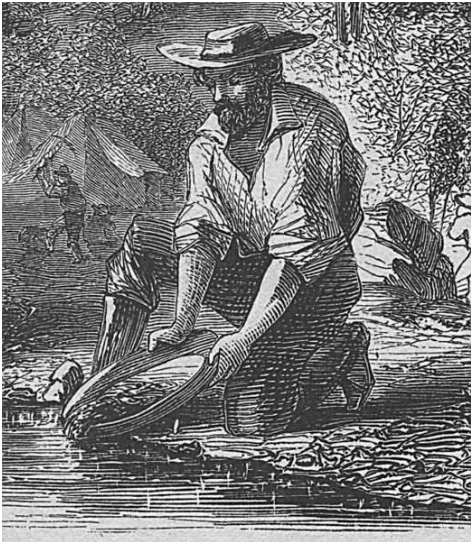


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1. Observe these pictures and link them with the episode of the Western Saga they illustrate.

a. **The battle of Little Bighorn:** A real debacle for General Custer and the 265 troopers of his famed 7th Cavalry Regiment. In 1876, they were attacked by 2,500 Sioux and Cheyenne Indians under chiefs Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse. Though outnumbered, the overconfident Custer launched a legendary and desperate "charge". Custer and all of his men died.

b. **The Trail of Tears:** Forced removal of 18,000 Cherokees from Georgia to the Indian Territory, west of the Mississippi. They were deported along a 1,500-mile trail from October 1838 till the spring of 1839. 4,000 Indians died on the way of starvation, heat-induced diseases, smallpox¹ and exposure

from the cold. The survivors managed to reconstitute in Oklahoma much of their former lifestyle. (Source : "The Trail of Tears" (1942), painting by Robert Lindneux, in the Woolaroc Museum, Bartlesville, Oklahoma)

c. **The Land Rush:** On April 22, 1889, the once-protected Indian Territory (at the northern border of Texas and the southern border of Kansas [Oklahoma today]) was opened to 200,000 people seeking to settle on "free land". At noon, when the gun sounded thousands of people swarmed across the border in wagons, on bicycles, horses and even on foot to claim a plot of land in a wild territory. (Source : "Far and Away" (« Horizons Lointains »), film by Ron Howard, 1992, with Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman)

d. **The Gold Rush:** In 1849, more than 80,000 people ("the forty-niners") poured into California looking for gold (which had been discovered there one year earlier). They came from all over the continent, but also from South America and Australia. Prospectors (or gold diggers) found so much gold that they used their gold nuggets as currency

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