Rolvenden	Primary	School –	Knowledge	Organiser
	J			<u> </u>

The Wild West

Rolvenden

Cowboys worked hard to drive cattle to the North of America where they could be sold for a higher price.

1.3

The Appalachian mountains formed the Western Frontier.







Bison were a valuable food source for both Native Americans and pioneers.



Many Native American chiefs wore elaborate headdresses for ceremonies. They earnt the feathers by showing exceptional bravery in battles.

	Key Vocabulary			
Bison	A big breed of herbivore similar to a cow which used to wander the Great Plains in huge herds. An important food source for humans in those areas.			
Cowboy	A person whose job it is to look after cows, traditionally on horseback.			
The Great Plains	A vast, flat, grassy area in the centre of America. Home to many great Native American tribes, like the Sioux and Cheyenne.			
Indigenous people	The first people to live in a particular place (native).			
Native Americans	The indigenous people of America.			
Nomadic	Living a life where you move around (not living in the same place).	The pioneers used Prairie Schooners like this one to		
Pioneer	A person who is one of the first to explore and live in a new area.	travel West over the Western Frontier.		
Prairie Schooner	A type of wagon the pioneers used to travel West of the Western Frontier.	western Frontier.		
Tipi	A portable, cone-shaped hut Native American tribes of the Great Plains lived in.	Tipis were easy to collapse		
Totem Pole	Some Native American tribes carved these tall poles to re-tell great stories or communicate with spirits.	and transport, meaning many Native American		
Western Frontier	The Western point past which early European settlers did not venture. It was the Appalachian mountains.	tribes used them as homes for their nomadic lives following the bison herds.		