

Only twenty years earlier, when Sitting Bull \_\_\_\_\_ a boy, most of the territory  
had shoe was  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the Mississippi River still belonged \_\_\_\_\_ the Indians and the buffalo. Dozens  
under go west to front as  
\_\_\_\_\_ tribes and bands, each with its \_\_\_\_\_ language and customs, were scattered across  
an myself of own invest frown  
\_\_\_\_\_ western plains and mountains. These tribes \_\_\_\_\_ as different from one another as  
an the tribes was an were  
the \_\_\_\_\_ nations of Europe. Like the \_\_\_\_\_ of that era, the Indians formed  
warm were different donkeys Europeans buffalo  
\_\_\_\_\_ with their friends and made war \_\_\_\_\_ their enemies, fighting hard among  
alliances parties and as met with  
themselves \_\_\_\_\_ territory, for plunder, and for \_\_\_\_\_ thrills and glory of combat.  
as friend for an the land

White \_\_\_\_\_, fur trappers, and traders had been \_\_\_\_\_ into the west since the  
explorers muscles white disposing help filtering  
early 1800's. \_\_\_\_\_ first, the Indians the met seemed \_\_\_\_\_ enough. Most tribes  
In Just At old friendly front  
welcomed whites into \_\_\_\_\_ villages and were willing to \_\_\_\_\_ at peace with them. It  
done it's their jump yes live  
wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ white settlers claimed Indian land, and \_\_\_\_\_ army built forts to protect  
within until and some that the  
the \_\_\_\_\_, that the real troubles began.  
claimed war settlers

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States government was \_\_\_\_\_ set aside reservations  
number from policy at rest to  
where the Indians \_\_\_\_\_ live apart from the whites. Government \_\_\_\_\_ hoped that the  
was would state the welcome officials  
wandering tribes would \_\_\_\_\_ on these reservations, exchange their bows \_\_\_\_\_  
settle hold form at for machine  
shovels and plows, and learn to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves like the white settlers, by \_\_\_\_\_ and  
believe at support farming jumping as  
ranching.

Many whites believed that \_\_\_\_\_ destiny of the United States was \_\_\_\_\_ settle  
an many the at recognize to  
the entire continent from coast \_\_\_\_\_ coast. The Indians stood in the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
to smile as right jeopardize way

civilization and progress. Army general George Crook \_\_\_\_\_ a group of Indian leaders exactly  
owed from told

\_\_\_\_\_ to expect.  
what how end