Chapter – Native Americans, Section – Great Plains Virginia Fitzgerald

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| Headings/Questions | Paragraph Main Ideas and Details | Additions / Corrections |
| The environment of the region and how the people used it | * Grassland   + Broken by     - Ranges of hills     - Wooded river valleys   + East – tall grass prairies   + West – dry, short grass prairie * Animal life   + Valleys and hills - Deer, elk, bear, antelope, beaver   + Mountains on western edge – mountain sheep   + Grasslands – bison     - More than 60 million     - Provided people with – meat, fat for cooking, hides for house-covers and coats, bones and horns for tools, stomachs for pouches and cooking devices, tails for fly swatters |  |
| Subsistence Lifestyle | * In open grasslands – few groups as life difficult   + Grass roots – too tough and thick to dig through   + Winter – winds, snowstorms   + Summer – intense heat   + Hunting buffalo difficult without horse     - Only dogs to carry meat, hides, tools, shelter for hunt * Lush river-bottoms   + Farming possible   + Men could leave village to hunt bison deer, elk, turkey, prairie chicken   + Women can leave to gather * All 3 types – hunter-gatherer, mix, farming | Subsistence – a live-style that produces enough just for oneself and one’s family, not enough to sell (opp. Commercial) |
| Nomadic Groups | * Had common characteristics once all got horses * Life based on bison * Dwelling - portable skin tipis * Clothing - light, durable made from buffalo hide * Military society * Social Order - Clans of either male or female descent * Political organization –single cohesive tribe   + Come together in winter   + Live individually in summer * Major religious ceremony – Sun Dance |  |
| Farming Groups | * Dwellings   + Large, earth-covered lodges   + Built into bluffs   + Overlook river bottom   + Usu. Where two rivers joined * Mandan   + Towns – well planned     - Streets     - Central plaza – for ceremonies, games   + Earthen lodges     - 40-80 ft. around     - Four central posts and continuous cross beams     - Covered in thick mats     - Of willow branches     - Final layer of thick dirt     - Flat roofs – for drying, also porches for hot evening |  |
| Political Organization | * Nomadic groups   + Leader – male with a particular trait that is valuable     - strong personality     - hunting skill     - leadership skill     - organizational skill     - wise decisions   + decision-makers with final say - older women     - strength of character     - someone families can depend on   + women     - daily leaders when men away hunting     - have final say in family matters * Farming   + Clans   + Town councils –     - representatives from each clan     - Chaired by men of clans that traditionally led |  |
| Religious Practices | * Guardian Spirits   + Supernatural beings   + Individuals adopted that spirits symbols, songs, prayers for protection from evil and death     - Appeared to individual on a vision quest     - Alone and Far from home     - Fasted and prayed until receive spirit * Shamans * Medicine men   + Connection between human and spiritual world   + Cure illness – by driving away malevolent spirits |  |