Pocket Guide to Ken Burns

# Introduction:

* **Pre White America:**
  + (Whole of Ep 1)
* **Establishment of Texas**
  + History of the region to the approach of Santa Anna (Ep2: 15:50-28:00)
  + Defeat of Santa Anna (Ep2: 36:00-42:00)
* **Mountain Men**
  + Early exploration and the fur trade (Ep2: 5:00-11:00)
* **Mexican war**
  + Taking of California and work of Polk in 1840s (Ep2: 1:08:00-1:16:00)
* **Closing of Frontier**
  + The Oklahoma Land Rush (Ep8: 5:20-10:20)

# Frontier:

* **FJT and the creation of the Western myth**
  + (Ep8: 00:00-5:20)
* **Slavery as the story of America**
  + Freesoilers and bleeding Kansas (Ep4: 2:00-15:00)
  + The continuing battle for slave supremacy up to 1862 (Ep4: 32:00-47:40)
* **America as a story of racism**
  + Building of the trans-continental railroad using Chinese labour (Ep5: 18:30-27:30)

# Settlers:

* **Missionaries**
  + Establishment of a mission amongst the Nez Perce, attitudes towards the natives (Ep2: 28:00-36:00)
* **Mormons**
  + Background to Mormonism and move to Salt Lake (Ep2: 48:00-56:00)
  + Mormons and the Mountain Meadows Massacre 1850s (Ep4: 15:00-25:40)
  + Federal suppression of Mormons 1871. Execution of John D Lee and the death of Brigham Young (Ep6: 50:00-59:30)
* **Gold** **Miners**
  + The California Gold Rush – travel to California (Ep3: 13:30-24:00)
  + The process of gold mining and gold mining settlements (Ep3: 34:40-48:20)
  + Gold miners and racism within the California diggings (Ep3: 55:40-1:05:00)
* **Homesteaders**
  + Influx of settlers and the mixing of different nationalities inc. Homestead act (Ep5: 49:20-54:50)
  + Settlement on the plains thanks to the railroad – use of the plough (Ep7: 14:30-22:20)
* **Cities**
  + The growth of Butte (Ep8: 18:15-23:10)
  + Settlement and exploitation – Los Angeles (Ep8: 56:00-1:03:20)

# Government:

* **Cowboys and Cattlemen**
  + Charles Goodnight and the first long drives (Ep5: 27:30-32:40)
  + The end of cattle ranching on the plains – 1886-7 (Ep7: 1:07:30-1:14:00)

# Natives:

* **Why the natives came into conflict with whites**
  + Establishment of Permanent Indian Frontier in 1830s and Trail of Tears (Ep2: 42:00-48:00)
  + Fort Laramie Treaties of 1851 after the California Gold Rush and break down (Ep3: 48:20-55:40)
  + In mining camps – exploitation of Natives and execution of natives (Ep3: 1:08:00-1:14:00)
  + Black Kettle and the Sand Creek massacre – Chivington and the first meeting of Custer and the Natives. (Ep4: 53:00-1:25:00)
  + The impact of the railways on the natives (Ep5: 13:26-18:30)
  + Extermination of the buffalo (Ep5: 1:12:00-1:25:00)
  + Chief Joseph and the settlers (Ep6: 00:00-2:30) and the fight with white soldiers, flight to Canada, betrayal and movement to an Oklahoma reservation (Ep6: 59:30-1:22:36)
  + Sitting Bull and the lead up to the Little Bighorn invasion of the Black Hills (Ep6: 15:20-20:40) and (Ep6: 25:20-50:00) The movement of Sitting Bull and the Lakota to the Standing Rock Reservation (Ep7: 22:20-31:30)
  + Friends of the Indian and the Christianisation and assimilation of the Plains Indians (Ep7: 55:00-1:02:00) culminating in the passing of the Dawes Act (Ep8: 10:20-18:00)
  + The Ghost Dancers and the Wounded Knee Massacre (Ep8: 23:10-40:30)

# Myth:

* **Cowboys**
  + The reality of cowboy life (Ep5: 1:01:50-1:12:00)
  + Charles Goodnight’s film of the American West (Ep8: 1:09:40-1:17:20)
* **Politics and the Myth**
  + Teddy Roosevelt (Ep7: 37:05-42:00)
* **Historical Interpretations**
  + Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show (Ep7: 1:14:00-1:22:00)
  + Summary of the interpretations of the West – point of view of Ken Burns’ documentary (Ep8: 1:38:40-1:50:00)