

On the Warpath

A Guide to Indian Wars in the BOOT HILL® Game

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This is an account of skirmishes, wars, and brief clashes between the United States and various Indian tribes between 1834 and 1898. The list is useful for planning BOOT HILL® game scenarios.

Possible adventures include scenarios where characters assist expeditions against hostile Indians; Indian characters raiding settlements (or assisting the cavalry against rival tribes); PCs being trapped in beleaguered settlements, forts, or wagon trains; and characters being sent to reservations to quell uprisings.

These scenarios might pit Indian PCs against cowboy PCs, which can create explosive role-playing situations. Referees in such scenarios must take extra care to remain impartial.

- 1834** The Pawnee mount an expedition in the Indian Territory between June and September.
- 1836** Heatherly Indian disturbances on the Iowa-Missouri state line.
- 1836** The Cherokee are forcibly removed to the Indian Territory. The relocation, called "The Trail of Tears," lasts until 1838.
- 1837** The Osage go on the warpath in Missouri.
- 1847** Cayuse Indian war rages in Oregon. The conflict lasts from December 1847 to July 1848.
- 1848** Apache, Navajo, and Utah Indian war begins; it lasts until 1855.
- 1849** Texas and New Mexico Indian war begins; it also lasts until 1855.
- 1849** Disturbances between the Navajo and white settlers in New Mexico last until 1861.
- 1849** Disturbances between the Comanche, Cheyenne, Lipan, and Kickapoo and white settlers in Texas last until 1861.
- 1850** Pit River expedition in California is mounted between April 28 and September 13.
- 1851** Rogue River Indian war begins in Oregon. Fighting rages from June 17 to July 3, 1851; August 8 to September 1, 1853; and March 1 to June 1, 1856.
- 1854** Oregon Indian war occurs between August and September.
- 1855** The Yakima mount an expedition in the Washington Territory between October 11 and November 24.
- 1855** Klama and Salmon River Indian wars are fought in Oregon and Idaho between January and March.
- 1855** Winna expedition against the Snake Indians in Oregon launched on May 24; it lasts until September 8.
- 1855** The Sioux mount an expedition in Nebraska Territory from April 3, 1855 to July 27, 1856.
- 1857** Disturbances between the Sioux and white settlers in Minnesota and Iowa during March and April.
- 1858** Expedition against the northern Indians in Washington Territory mounted from July 17 to October 17.
- 1858** Expedition mounted against the Navajo in New Mexico from September 9 to December 25.
- 1858** Expedition against the Wichita mounted in the Indian Territory from September 11, 1858 to December 1, 1859.
- 1859** Colorado River expedition mounted against Indians in California from February 11 to April 28.
- 1859** Pecos expedition mounted against Indians in Texas from May 8 to October 11.
- 1860** Expedition against the Kiowa and Comanche mounted in the Indian Territory from May 8 to October 11.
- 1860** Expedition against the Navajo in New Mexico from September 12, 1860 to February 24, 1861.
- 1862** Sioux Indian war fought in Minnesota and the Dakotas; it lasts through 1863.
- 1863** War against the Cheyenne, Arapaho, Kiowa, and Comanche fought in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and the Indian Territory; it lasts through 1869.
- 1865** Campaign against the Indians in southern Oregon, Idaho, and northern California conducted through 1869.
- 1867** A campaign against the Indians in Kansas, Colorado, and the Indian Territory conducted through 1869.
- 1872** Modoc Indian War fought in Oregon and California from November 22, 1872 to October 3, 1873.
- 1873** Campaign mounted against the Apache in Arizona and New Mexico.
- 1874** Expedition mounted against the Sioux in Wyoming and Nebraska from February 13 and August 1.
- 1874** Campaign against the Kiowa, Cheyenne, and Comanche in the Indian Territory conducted from August 1st, 1874 to February 16, 1875.
- 1875** Expedition mounted against the Sioux in eastern Nevada from September 7 to September 27.
- 1876** Big Horn and Yellowstone expeditions in Wyoming and Montana conducted between February 17, 1876 and June 13, 1877.
- 1876** War with the northern Cheyenne raged in the Indian Territory, Kansas, Wyoming, the Dakotas, Nebraska, and Montana; it ends in 1879.
- 1877** Nez Perce Indian war fought in Utah from May 14 to October 1.
- 1878** Bannock Indian war fought in Idaho, Washington Territory, and Wyoming Territory.
- 1878** Campaign against the Cheyenne in the Dakotas and Montana conducted through 1879.
- 1879** Ute expedition in Colorado conducted between April 3rd and September 9.
- 1879** Disturbances between the Snake and white settlers in Idaho from August to October.
- 1879** White River campaign against the Ute in Utah and Colorado launched on September 29; it lasts until October 5.
- 1890** Sioux disturbances in South Dakota between November, 1890 and January, 1891.
- 1895** Chippewa disturbances in October at Leech Lake reservation in Minnesota. □