**Ch 14.3 part II**

 Respond completely to the following questions:

1. Review the Homestead Act (section 1). What were the preconditions for ownership of a homestead?
2. Describe the life of a homesteader. Use the following terms to illustrate your description: soddie, sodbusting, natural disasters (specify), pests (specify), debt.
3. What roles did men, women, and children fill on the homestead, generally?
4. What new farming technology and techniques were developed during this time and what impact did they have on the farming industry?
5. What was the “Turner Thesis” and what does it suggest about the role of the western frontier in building America?
6. What role has the West played in shaping our pop culture? Use specific examples to illustrate your response.