

*GHOST DANCE*

*In the late 1880s a Paiute Indian named Wovoka had a series of mystical experiences in Nevada which resulted in a new religion, the Ghost Dance. This religion combined elements of Christianity and native American beliefs and was pacifist in nature. Wovoka thought himself the Messiah, come to earth again to save the Indian. Word of the Ghost Dance spread rapidly among the demoralized, starving reservation Indians. In the Dakotas, reservation officials, army officers, and settlers were alarmed by the fervor of the Ghost Dancers, and attempted to repress the religion. The result was the 1890 massacre of scores of Sioux men, women and children at Wounded Knee.*

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