Use this table to organise your findings:

**1. Review this presentation**.

It gives a simple view of a white settler’s view on life by the later nineteenth century. It was these people who would start to encounter the Sioux tribes as they explored the Western parts of the US.

**2. Put yourself in the shoes of one of these white settlers.**

i) Review your research on the Sioux. Which aspects of their life do you think are savage:

**“I am shocked – these Sioux are clearly savages…”**

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| **Aspect of life…** | **This makes them savages because…** |
| ***Firstly…***  *They use dead buffalo to make everything. I have seen them comb their hair with a tongue, wear the skin of the buffalo as clothes and even use the dung in their fires!* | *Only savages would use dead animals for everything – we have nice fabrics, technology etc to show that we are civilised.* |
| **Secondly…** |  |
| **Thirdly…** |  |
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**3. Put yourself in the shoes of a Sioux chief** (who has visited the cities of the white settlers).

Review your research from a different point of view – could you defend each of the things that the white settler has identified as being ‘savage’?

**“Hang on a minute, you are not looking beneath the surface…”**

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| **Why the Criticism is Wrong** | **Therefore we are not savages because…** |
| *Firstly, we have to use the whole part of the buffalo as we do not have the resources in our environment for alternatives. For example, we do not have lots of wood to burn on the fire, se we have to use dung.* | ***We have no choice about using the whole buffalo… what do you expect us to do??*** |
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