

1. It is 1848 and Jethro and Thunder Heart Woman are married. The gold rush begins in California.
2. In San Francisco, Margaret Light Shines is looking for her father, Jacob.
3. Jacob is working as a soldier with Captain Fremont. He tries to help a dying Indian captive and decides he doesn't like Fremont's opinion of the natives. He leaves the army.
4. Jethro leaves his family to join the nearby Gold Rush. He lives in the mining camp and experiences the rough life of the miners.
5. The Indians observe the deep wagon wheel tracks on the prairie and say, "The land cries in pain."
6. Margaret is looking for Jacob in an army camp. An officer tries to rape her and the photographer, Ethan Biggs, saves her.
7. Jethro pans for gold in the river. He goes home and talks with his family about gold mining. They argue.
8. Jethro meets Jared in a bar and they talk about gold mining. Jethro buys a flask of alcohol to drink when he gets too cold mining for gold.
9. Jethro has an argument at home with Abraham who tells him, "You are not my father." Jethro drinks too much and doesn't help build the barn for winter. He argues with Abe and almost hurts him.
10. Thunder Heart Woman speaks with Abe in English and Lakota. Abe decides to leave to be on his own.
11. It is time for the winter count and now Dog Star has the job to tell the story.
12. Dog Star and Running Fox return to the buffalo hunt and see the white man's city. Running Fox tells Dog Star, "You showed me the way when we were young but now it is you who are lost."
13. David Wheeler, a cousin of Jethro comes west to make his fortune mining gold. He becomes Jethro's mining partner.
14. On the river, Jethro drinks too much. When the Chinese find gold nearby he fights and takes over their gold claim.
15. David and Jethro find a huge chunk of gold.

16. They return home with the gold and talk about it happily. Thunder Heart Woman doesn't want to be a part of the gold but she will pack them some food. They will take the gold to sell in town. Jethro and David argue over the gold. Jethro wants more of the gold.
17. David steals the gold and leaves early in the morning. Jethro chases him through the woods and they shoot at each other. Jethro gets shot in the leg. David escapes with the gold in a canoe. Jethro reaches him in the river. The men fight and both drown from fighting and the weight of the gold. Thunder Heart Woman sees the body of Jethro as they pull him out of the river.
18. One year later in San Francisco, Margaret is the photographer's assistant. She looks at a photo and remembers her own family. She still is wearing the amulet.
19. Margaret tells Ethan that she is half Lakota. He doesn't care and says is English.
20. Margaret returns home to Thunder Heart Woman who tells her the spirits say that Jacob will return.
21. Margaret and Ethan get married.
22. Many tribes of Indians gather at Fort Laramie to hear the white men speak. This is the Council at Long Meadows and they sign the treaty of Ft. Laramie. The White Father (U.S. President) gave the Indians their land but they must follow many rules.
23. Margaret and Ethan take photos. Margaret hears about a trapper in the mountains named Jacob who fixed a wheel on a traveling wagon. She goes with Ethan to look for her father.
24. Margaret finds Jacob and he recognizes the amulet and knows she is his daughter.
25. Running Fox talks to his son about being a father. His grandson, Red Lance is born.
26. Jacob returns to Thunder Heart Woman. He finds her serving food to the gold miners. They are not nice to her and Jacob interrupts and announces that he is home and she is his wife.
27. Loved By the Buffalo has a vision of an Indian massacre.
28. A cow strays from a passing wagon train into a Minneconjou, Indian village. The owner is too afraid to come after the cow. The Indians argue over whether to return the cow or not. Soldiers come the next day and accuse them of stealing the cow. The translator does not translate their words correctly. The Indians have

- eaten the cow. The army officer demands they turn over the thief and the Indians do not understand. The soldiers open fire and kill the chief, Conquering Bear. The Indians fight back and kill the regiment of soldiers.
29. The treaty of Long Meadows had ended and the vision of Growling Bear is coming to pass. Loved by the Buffalo is afraid.
 30. 1860, six years later, we see another Wheeler family in Lawrence, Kansas. Samson Wheeler, Uncle Benjamin's son lives there with his family. They are wheelwrights.
 31. This is the beginning of the Civil War in the United States. An ex-slave asks to work with Samson. Samson hires him and hopes that Kansas will remain a free state.
 32. Samson and his wife discuss the war and the hatred between the north and the south. The townspeople have a freedom rally and sing a song, "John Brown's body lies a'moulderin' (molding) in his grave..."
 33. In Nevada, Abe is riding for the Pony Express and delivering the mail. He races with another rider and wins the race.
 34. Jacob, Thunder Heart Woman and Margaret are all older now. They take a family photo.
 35. Jacob Jr. decides it is time for him to leave home. Jacob gives him his pistol.
 36. Samson's wheel shop is trashed by vandals because the black man is working for him. Samson's wife talks about sending their daughter Clara to Omaha for safety.
 37. Dog Star continues the winter count. Abe rides by the camp but they do not kill him because, "he rides like a Lakota".
 38. The Pony Express is shut down with the invention of the telegraph. There are telegraph lines everywhere.
 39. The Indians break a telegraph line and one is shot by a soldier. It is the son of Dog Star. Running Fox brings back his dead body.
 40. Jacob Jr. understands the Indian prisoner's speech and gives him a drink of water. He joins the army as an Indian scout and interpreter.
 41. Samson fights against the marauders who attack the town. Mrs. Wheeler tells Clara to go to cousin Daniel in Omaha. Clara's parents and brothers are all killed in the fighting. This is called, "The Cleansing of Kansas". The black man is hung. Clara is left alone on her own.

