

Westward Expansion Reading Activity

Complete the quiz based upon these readings: Ch 19 Lesson 1 (start from the beginning up to Boom and Bust/read the paragraph after Westward Growth/read from Spanning the Continent up to Effects of the Railroads) & Ch 19 Lesson 2 (start from the beginning up to Cheap Land).

1) What historic event would help encourage mining to unfold in the West?

Civil War War of 1812 Battle of the Alamo Gold Rush

2) The valuable mineral/rock that miners looked for was known as _____.

sediment ore boulders comstock

3) Who had a better chance of getting rich in mining?

Immigrants companies women Westerners

4) Which of the following wasn't a result of the growth in mining?

more western states would be added over time

other minerals would soon be mined

increase in population in the Eastern half of the U.S.

more businesses would be created in the West

5) Which of the following doesn't go with the construction of the transcontinental railroad?

it would extend from coast to coast

a good chunk of the labor force consisted of immigrants

the government offered land grants & subsidies to encourage its construction

it would be completed by the end of the Civil War in 1865

it was constructed by two companies

6) Which of the following doesn't go with the growth of the cattle industry?

longhorns roamed freely for many years in the southwest (Texas)

demand for meat primarily existed along the west coast

cattle drives headed for the nearest railroad

vaqueros first introduced various skills that cowhands would later use

weather and stampedes were constant dangers for the cowhands

7) Why did cattle ranchers begin to lose grazing areas?

due to property lines being fenced due to more government regulations

due to numerous defeats in various Indian wars due to an increase in railroads tracks being laid out

8) Which of the following wasn't a major reason that attracted farmers to the Great Plains?

more railroads being created over time improvements in technology

friendly Native Americans in the mid-west new laws being created

9) Which of the following doesn't go with the Homestead Act of 1862?

farmers who benefited from this act were known as homesteaders

women were prohibited from acquiring land through this act

you could earn 160 acres of land after five years for settling the land

farmers who benefited from this act included African-Americans & immigrants