

1. Which of the following **BEST** explains the increased desire of the U.S. government for building railroads to the West?
  - A. troubles with Native American groups in the West
  - B. discoveries of precious metals in the West
  - C. development of new industries in the West
  - D. trade with Native Americans in the West
2. How did large numbers of farmers respond to the fall in prices for farm goods?
  - A. joined armed revolts in several states
  - B. moved to Canada in search of better prices
  - C. organized groups like the Grange
  - D. voted for Republicans, the party seeking farm reforms
3. Which of the following is the **BEST** reason for the dramatic decrease in the number of buffalo in the late 1800s?
  - A. Native Americans were over-hunting
  - B. they were destroyed to make natives move to reservations
  - C. too many were hunted in order to feed railroad workers
  - D. too much of their habitat was lost
4. How did the Populist Party affect America?
  - A. convinced the government to take over the nations railroads
  - B. led to the policy of Free Silver being accepted by the government
  - C. resulted in a Populist president who made many reforms
  - D. led to shorter work hours for American workers

5. **Describe in detail 3** problems faced by settlers adapting to life on the Great Plains. (3 pts)

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6. **Describe** the lifestyle of Plains Indians. (2 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

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7. The West was successfully settled largely because of railroads. **Explain** the impact they had on each of the following:

Railroads impacted the settlement of farmers because (1 pt) \_\_\_\_\_

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Railroads impacted the Eastern factories because (1 pt) \_\_\_\_\_

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Railroads impacted ranching products because (1 pt) \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Name **4** industries that grew because of the growth or railroad building (2 pts) \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Overproduction is (1 pt): \_\_\_\_\_

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Overproduction affected farmers and ranchers by (1 pt) \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Give an example to show how Plains Indians were affected by the settlement of white farmers, miners, and ranchers on the Great Plains. (3 pts)

**FARMERS** \_\_\_\_\_

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**RANCHERS** \_\_\_\_\_

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**MINERS** \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Name **2** ways the U.S. government encouraged companies to build railroads in the West. (1 pt)

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12. **Explain** the purpose of the U.S. reservation system (1pt) \_\_\_\_\_

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13. **Explain** the Dawes Act (2 pt) \_\_\_\_\_

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14. How did the Dawes Act and the reservation system change life for Plains Indians? (2 pts)

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**WESTERN FRONTIER  
MAP TEST**

**WRITE ALL ANSWERS  
ON THE SCAN SHEET!**

(1 point each)

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| 1. #1                   | 8. #8                   | 15. #15        |
| A. Washington           | A. Colorado             | A. Colorado    |
| B. Washington Territory | B. Wyoming              | B. Nebraska    |
| C. Oregon               | C. Utah                 | C. Wyoming     |
| D. Oregon Territory     | D. Kansas               | D. Kansas      |
| 2. #2                   | 9. #9                   | 16. #16        |
| A. Washington           | A. Montana              | A. Wisconsin   |
| B. Washington Territory | B. South Dakota         | B. Michigan    |
| C. Oregon               | C. North Dakota         | C. Minnesota   |
| D. Oregon Territory     | D. Nebraska             | D. Iowa        |
| 3. #3                   | 10. #10                 | 17. #17        |
| A. Arizona              | A. Montana              | A. Wisconsin   |
| B. Nevada               | B. South Dakota         | B. Michigan    |
| C. Utah                 | C. North Dakota         | C. Minnesota   |
| D. Idaho                | D. Nebraska             | D. Iowa        |
| 4. #4                   | 11. #11                 | 18. #18        |
| A. Idaho                | A. Nebraska             | A. Mississippi |
| B. Utah                 | B. Nebraska Territory   | B. Arkansas    |
| C. Nevada               | C. Kansas               | C. Alabama     |
| D. Arizona              | D. Kansas Territory     | D. Missouri    |
| 5. #5                   | 12. #12                 | 19. #19        |
| A. Utah                 | A. Oklahoma             | A. Mississippi |
| B. Colorado             | B. Indian Territory     | B. Arkansas    |
| C. Nebraska             | C. Colorado             | C. Alabama     |
| D. Wyoming              | D. Kansas               | D. Missouri    |
| 6. #6                   | 13. #13                 | 20. #20        |
| A. Montana              | A. Arizona              | A. Mississippi |
| B. Wyoming              | B. Arizona Territory    | B. Louisiana   |
| C. Washington           | C. New Mexico Territory | C. Arkansas    |
| D. Idaho                | D. New Mexico           | D. Missouri    |
| 7. #7                   | 14. #14                 |                |
| A. Idaho                | A. Arizona              |                |
| B. Washington           | B. Arizona Territory    |                |
| C. Wyoming              | C. New Mexico Territory |                |
| D. Montana              | D. New Mexico           |                |