

## Westward Expansion Quiz

### Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- \_\_\_ 1. During and after the Civil War, many settlers began moving out west in search of
- a. a worse life
  - b. an easy life
  - c. money
  - d. a better life
- \_\_\_ 2. As compared to earlier settlement, the journey westward was made less difficult with the
- a. railroad
  - b. automobile
  - c. interstate highway
  - d. rest areas
- \_\_\_ 3. Two immigrant groups that were most responsible for the labor to build the transcontinental railroad were the
- a. Japanese & Irish
  - b. African Americans & Chinese
  - c. Chinese & Irish
  - d. Germans & Italians
- \_\_\_ 4. The transcontinental railroad did which of the following?
- a. contributed to the destruction of the buffalo herds
  - b. moved goods and people quickly across the country
  - c. developed time zones in the United States
  - d. all of these
- \_\_\_ 5. The Homestead Act offered settlers how many acres of free land in exchange for farming the land for 5 years?
- a. 160
  - b. 320
  - c. 640
  - d. it did not offer free land
- \_\_\_ 6. What resulted in conflict between white settlers and Native Americans?
- a. the role of religion
  - b. how to educate the young for adulthood
  - c. how land should be owned and used
  - d. all of these
- \_\_\_ 7. Native Americans of the Great Plains depended on what to survive?
- a. the railroad
  - b. buffalo
  - c. settlers
  - d. gold
- \_\_\_ 8. Which was a long-term effect of building the railroad across the West?
- a. Most immigrants from Europe settled in California.
  - b. The population of the West increased significantly.
  - c. Conflicts between settlers & Native Americans decreased.
  - d. Abilene, Kansas became a major western city.
- \_\_\_ 9. What mostly threatened the lifestyle of Native Americans of the Great Plains and their dependence on buffalo to survive?
- a. railroads
  - b. disease
  - c. climate change
  - d. cattle drives
- \_\_\_ 10. American hunters were hired to slaughter the buffalo to...
- a. take away the Native American's livelihood
  - b. create conflict between settlers & Native Americans
  - c. feed railroad crews & prevent herds from blocking the trains
  - d. sell to wealthy people back east
- \_\_\_ 11. Native Americans were eventually forced onto areas of land called...

- a. stockades
- b. concentration camps
- c. territories
- d. reservations

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. What U.S. government policy tried to force Native Americans to adopt white ways?

- a. reservation
- b. Homestead Act
- c. assimilation
- d. reconciliation

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. A battle that was the last armed conflict between the U.S. government and Native Americans?

- a. Wounded Knee
- b. Dakota Uprising
- c. Battle of the Little Big Horn
- d. Sand Creek Massacre

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. What parts of the buffalo did Native Americans use?

- a. hide & meat
- b. almost every part
- c. hide, meat, & bones
- d. everything but the hoofs and horns

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. What two railroad companies were given land grants to build a transcontinental railroad?

- a. Burlington Northern & Union Pacific
- b. Santa Fe Railroad & Central Pacific
- c. Union Pacific & Central Pacific
- d. Kansas City Southern & CSX