

## Westward Expansion: Economic Development

### Theme: Migration and Settlement

**Learning Objective 6.B:** Explain the causes and effects of the settlement of the West from 1877 to 1898.

#### Farming in the West

**KC-6.1.III.A:** Improvements in mechanization helped agricultural production increase substantially and contributed to declines in food prices.

- Improvements
  - Transcontinental RR's
    - Joined at \_\_\_\_\_, Utah May 10, 1869
  - Steel Plow, Mechanized Reapers and Seed Drills (cont. from earlier in century)
  - “\_\_\_\_\_” had to adopt dry farming techniques and lobby for Irrigation projects
- Food Prices
  - \_\_\_\_\_ supply → \_\_\_\_\_ prices
  - Farmers would continue to grow more to make more money
    - Results in even lower prices

#### Farmers' Groups

**KC-6.1.III.B:** Many farmers responded to the increasing consolidation in agricultural markets and their dependence on the evolving railroad system by creating local and regional cooperative organizations.

- The \_\_\_\_\_, 1868
  - Created \_\_\_\_\_ to protect farmers from RR's and middlemen
  - Granger laws on price fixing, \_\_\_\_\_ - government could regulate
- Farmers' Alliance
  - Politically and economically active
  - \_\_\_\_\_ stated their objectives, will be adopted by later movements

### Government Subsidies, New Markets

KC-6.1.I.A: Following the Civil War, government subsidies for transportation and communication systems helped open new markets in North America.

- Transportation
  - Transcontinental-RR routes through the North and the South
  - Cattle drives, hampered by homesteaders and \_\_\_\_\_ switch to RR for transport
- Communication
  - \_\_\_\_\_ wire being set as new lines are constructed
  - RRs develop \_\_\_\_\_ in the US to keep trains on schedule

### Economic Growth

KC-6.2.II.A: The building of transcontinental railroads, the discovery of mineral resources, and government policies promoted economic growth and created new communities and centers of commercial activity.

- Mineral resources
  - Gold and silver discoveries created \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ in Nevada - largest silver deposit
  - Discoveries in the \_\_\_\_\_ led to further land dispossession of the \_\_\_\_\_

### Recap

- Agriculture production increases, leads to a drop in prices
- Organizations for farmers like the Grange and Farmers' Alliance are created as a response
- The US government heavily subsidized transportation and communication expansion
- Mineral resources drove economic growth where white settlers had not been before

**Part II**

**Short Answer Questions**

Answer the following in AT LEAST three sentences.

1. Explain the causes of the settlement of the West from 1865 to 1898.

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2. Explain the effects of the settlement of the West from 1865 to 1898.

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### The Grange Movement, 1875

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### The “Golden Spike” Ceremony at Promontory Point, UT, 1869

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