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The Transcontinental Railroad - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Which of these best describes Manifest Destiny?

- A. The idea that the American West was too dangerous to travel to and should be left alone
- B. The policy that because Native Americans already lived on the land that would become the United States, they should have primary control over it
- C. The theory that railroads would fundamentally change the economy of the United States
- ☒ D. The belief that Americans had the God-given right to settle the land all the way to the Pacific Ocean

2. The two companies hired to build the railroad were called _____ and _____.

- A. Homestead / Pacific Railway
- ☒ B. Union Pacific / Central Pacific
- C. Promontory Summit / Grant Union
- D. Atlantic Union / Pacific Union

3. Immigrants from which country built much of the railroad?

- A. Wales
- ☒ B. China
- C. Mexico
- D. Greece

4. Where was the Transcontinental Railroad completed?

- ☒ A. Promontory, Utah
- B. Denver, Colorado
- C. San Francisco, California
- D. Lincoln, Nebraska

5. Who benefited most from the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad?

- A. New immigrants to the US
- B. Black and Asian American settlers
- C. Native American tribes
- ☒ D. White settlers and business tycoons