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The Transcontinental Railroad

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. Which of these best describes Manifest Destiny?

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| A. The idea that the American West was too dangerous to travel to and should be left alone | C. The theory that railroads would fundamentally change the economy of the United States |
| 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 | 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 _____.

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

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

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| A. Wales | C. Mexico |
| B. China | D. Greece |

4. Where was the Transcontinental Railroad completed?

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

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

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