

Name _____

Date _____

The Transcontinental Railroad

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

1. The first roads and rail lines in the US were in the
 - A. West.
 - B. Northeast.
 - C. Southeast.
 - D. Southwest.

2. The belief that it was Americans' right to control all the land from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean was called
 - A. Union Pacific.
 - B. Central Pacific.
 - C. Manifest Destiny.
 - D. Promontory Summit.

3. The Homestead Act of 1862 encouraged Americans to
 - A. move out West.
 - B. build the railroad.
 - C. ration their food.
 - D. fight in the Civil War.

4. _____ and _____ were the two companies hired to build the railroad.
 - A. Homestead, Pacific Railway
 - B. Atlantic Union, Pacific Union
 - C. Union Pacific, Central Pacific
 - D. Promontory Summit, Ulysses S. Grant

5. True or False: The two companies hired to build the railroad worked harmoniously together.
 - A. True
 - B. False

6. The Central Pacific had to lay tracks around the
 - A. Pacific Ocean.
 - B. Mississippi River.
 - C. Appalachian Trail.
 - D. Sierra Nevada mountains.

7. The Central Pacific was known for hiring many immigrants from

- A. China.
- B. Japan.
- C. Vietnam.
- D. Cambodia.

8. Dishonest, corrupt railroad bosses were known as

- A. fraud lords.
- B. rail robbers.
- C. robber barons.
- D. money grubbers.

9. _____ got the Union Pacific and Central Pacific to finally decide on a meeting point.

- A. President Grant
- B. President Lincoln
- C. Promontory Summit
- D. Thomas “Doc” Durant

10. What effect did the Transcontinental Railroad have on many Native American communities?

- A. The tribes grew larger and more prosperous.
- B. The tribes completely disappeared from the US.
- C. Americans adopted the tribes’ traditions and beliefs.
- D. The tribes’ land was stolen and the people were displaced.