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# The Transcontinental Railroad - Answer Key

*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.
- ☒ C. Manifest Destiny.
- B. Central Pacific.
- 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
- ☒ C. Union Pacific, Central Pacific
- B. Atlantic Union, Pacific Union
- 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.
- ☒ D. Sierra Nevada mountains.
- C. Appalachian Trail.
- B. Mississippi River.

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.
- ☒ C. robber barons.
- B. rail robbers.
- 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.