

RETEACHING ACTIVITY Cultures Clash on the Prairie

Reading Comprehension Choose the best answer. Write your answer in the blank.

1. The provided many basic needs for the Plains Indians and was central to their way of life.
a. horse
b. buffalo
c. dog
d. wolf
2. The prospect of striking drew many settlers to the Great Plains.
a. gold
b. oil
c. tin
d. copper
3. In the Treaty of Fort Laramie, the agreed to move to a reservation.
a. Navajo
b. Sioux
c. Cherokee
d. Seminole
4. The American cowboy drew many of his customs from ranchers in
a. Spain
b. Canada
c. Mexico d. Cuba
5. The demand for in cities led to the growth of the cattle industry.
a. bones b. leather
c. poultry
d. beef
6. About twenty-five percent of all cowboys were
a. Asian
b. Native American
c. African American
d. Mexican
7. General George Custer and his troops were routed at the
a. Battle of Little Big Horn
b. Battle of Wounded Knee
c. Massacre at Sand Creek
d. Battle of Fallen Timbers
8 8 was NOT a factor in ending the open range era.
a. Overgrazing of land
b. Rise of the railroads
c. Extended bad weather d. The invention of barbed wire
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RETEACHING ACTIVITY Settling on the Great Plains

Evaluating

Α.	Write T in the blank if the statement is true. If the statement is false, write F in the
	blank and then write the corrected statement on the line below.

_ 1. The completion of a transcontinental railroad helped to make rapid settlemen
of the West possible.

2. In 1889, settlers claimed some 2 million acres in less than a day in a free lan	d
giveaway in what is now Minnesota.	

_____ 3. Women played little role in settling the West.

_____4. The windmill prevented crop dehydration by bringing up underground water.

____5. With forestland abundant on the Plains, most settlers built their homes out of wood.

Finding Main Ideas

B. Choose the word that most accurately completes the sentences below.

Yellowstone National Park	Nebraska	Cyrus McCormick
California	Utah	barbed wire
John Deere	immigrants	African Americans

1. ______ prevented animals from trampling crops and wandering off.

2. In 1872, the federal government created ______ in an effort to help conserve the frontier.

3. By 1880, many settlers in Minnesota and Wisconsin were _____.

4. _____ invented the steel plow in 1837.

5. Two railroad lines met in ______ to form the first transcontinental railroad.



RETEACHING ACTIVITY Farmers and the Populist Movement

Finding Main Ideas

The following questions deal with events of the Jeffersonian Era. Answer them in the space provided.

1. What problems did many Plains farmers face during the late 1800s?

2. What was the Grange's plan for improving conditions for farmers?

3. What did the Populist Party platform call for?

4. What were the consequences of the Panic of 1893?

5. What was the difference between the "gold bugs" and the "silverites"?

6. How did the presidential election of 1896 bring an end to populism?