**Chapter 17 The West transformed**

Directions: As you read the text, answer the questions/complete the task. Your answers should be in complete sentences. Use a separate sheet of paper to record your answers.

**Section 1: Mining and Railroads**

1. In 1865 how did most Americans view the Great Plains?
2. What would bring about the sudden creation of a town in many parts of the West?
3. What was Henry Comstock’s claim to the discovery of silver by two Irish prospectors? Define prospector.
4. What happened as a result of this discovery?
5. What other parts of the country were valuable minerals discovered?
6. Draw a scene of a “boomtown”, such as Virginia City, Nevada, that illustrates the description from the text.
7. What was the response of citizens to the growth of these boomtowns and the increasing violence?
8. What were some of the subsidies that were given to the railroad companies?
9. Who was the man that would lead the construction of he railroad out of California?
10. What effect did the railroad have on the Chinese?

**Section 2: Native Americans Struggle to Survive**

1. Approximately how many native people lived on the Great Plains in 1865?
2. Where did the horses used by the plains Indians originate from?
3. Create a graphic organizer that illustrates all the uses of the buffalo, the Buffalo will be in the in the center.
4. What is a treaty?
5. What occurred at Fort Laramie in 1851?
6. What brought about the Sand Creek Massacre? (not what happened, what caused it)
7. How did the slaughter of the buffalo bring about the end of the Plains Indian?
8. Why would the American government force the Indians onto reservations?
9. What happened at Little Big Horn?
10. Why do you think Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce`s were trying to get to Canada, were they successful?
11. What was the outcome of the Navajos’s attempts to resist the American government?
12. Why was the “Ghost Dance” significant to the Indians and why were the whites fearful?
13. What happened at Wounded Knee?
14. Create a “T” chart that shows the women described in “Calls for Reform” and their contribution to reform.
15. What did the 1887 Dawes Act attempt to do and was it successful?

**Section 3: The Cattle Kingdom**

1. What changed the way Texans saw the stray herds of longhorns left by the Spanish?
2. Why did cowhands have to move the cattle herds over vast distances?
3. Looking at the map located on page 591, answer questions A and B.
4. Where did the term cowboy originate?
5. Create a “T” chart that shows the Mexican terms and what it means in English for those terms listed in “Spanish Roots.”
6. What opportunity did Joseph McCoy see as a result of the cattle drive?
7. How did “Buffalo Bill” contribute to the myth of the West?
8. How did settlers “quiet” the wild cow towns?
9. What does the term “boom” mean and how does it apply to the cattle industry?
10. Create a graphic organizer that illustrates the many factors that contributed to the end of the cattle boom.

**Section 4: Farming in the West**

1. What was one of the reasons 500,000 farmers settled on the Great Plains?
2. What law was passed that offered 160-acre plots of land to settlers?
3. What did the people have to do in order to get the land?
4. What was the reason that only one in three homesteaders actually made it the entire five years?
5. Why would the railroads want to see the Great Plains settled by farmers?
6. What late 1800’s invention made the job of sod-busting easier for the farmer?
7. What were John Deere and Joseph Gliden known for?
8. Write a short story about a family of four living on the plains. Your story needs to have elements of the following sections: “busting sod”, “new farming methods”, and “ farm families.”
9. What is an “exoduster” and why were they referred to by that term?
10. Summarize the section titled “The Spanish Southwest.”
11. What are *ricos*?
12. By the 1880s, what area of America was not settled?
13. Describe a “boomer” and a “sooner.”
14. What were they competing for in April 1889?
15. What did the census have to say about the frontier in 1890?
16. What caused farmers and sharecroppers to go deeper in debt?
17. Define the word *grange* and the initial reason they were created.
18. How were the small farmers who were members of granges treated differently by the railroads?
19. What is the purpose of a cooperative?
20. Who made up the newly formed political party called the Populist Party?
21. Make a list that illustrates some of the changes the Populist Party demanded be made.
22. In the election of 1896, which candidate received the support of the Populist Party?
23. What group of people believed that the economy would be ruined if prices were raised?
24. Who won the 1896 presidential election?