



# How Did Miners and Prospectors Start to Settle the West?

SECTION 19.1  
Text pp. 332 – 338

## A. Map Exercise

Use the map on page 333 of the textbook to answer the questions. Note: a region refers to an area such as the South or the Northwest.

1. What is the population density of most of the Southeast? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In what region is the population most dense? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What region is least populated? \_\_\_\_\_
4. List the three states that have more than 45 people per square mile over the entire state.  
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5. Name three states that have all three levels of population density.  
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## B. General Exercises

Write *true* if the sentence is *true* and *false* if the sentence is *false*. Correct any false statements.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ As a result of gold and silver discoveries, land treaties with the Indians were *upheld*.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ A settlement that quickly increased the number of its businesses and people was called a *boomtown*.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Many new states entered the Union because *gold and silver discoveries* increased the population of a territory.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Vigilance committees worked to *prepare territories for statehood*.

Answer the questions.

10. What were the contrasting outcomes for most boomtowns?  
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11. What were *prospectors*? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What is a *lode*? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What phrase did Horace Greeley help popularize? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Which nine states entered the Union after being settled by miners looking for gold and silver?  
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**C. Enrichment Exercise**

Read the perspective box on page 335 of the textbook and answer the question.

15. What are at least two beneficial restrictions your authorities have set for you?

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# How Did Transportation Grow in the West?

## A. Chart Exercise

Complete this chart to show the pros and cons of these forms of communication and transportation. Use the actual price for the costs category, not the price adjusted to today's currency.

Modes of Shipping and Transportation

	Steamship	Stagecoach	Pony Express
What it carried	1. <input type="text"/>	4. <input type="text"/>	7. <input type="text"/>
Delivery time	2. <input type="text"/>	5. <input type="text"/>	8. <input type="text"/>
Cost to mail	3. <input type="text"/>	6. <input type="text"/>	9. <input type="text"/>

## B. General Exercises

Write *true* if the sentence is *true* and *false* if the sentence is *false*. Correct any false statements.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Stagecoaches and the Pony Express grew from the need for *transportation and mail services* that were faster and cost less than steamships.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese immigrants called *soddies* worked to build the transcontinental rail line.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Another newly immigrated group, *the Irish*, also worked on the railroad.

Do these exercises.

- What two railroad companies built the transcontinental railroad?

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- List three ways the railroad helped bring the Indian way of life to an end.

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15. Give the date and place of the completion of the transcontinental railroad.

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### **C. Interpretation Exercises**

**Do these exercises.**

16. In order to complete a job the size of the transcontinental railroad, what are three things that are needed?

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17. Look at the picture at the bottom of page 342 and the picture at the top of page 344 and write a slogan for them.

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# What Part Did Cattlemen Fill in Settling the West?

## A. Map Exercise

Use the map on page 346 of the textbook to do these exercises.

1. Name the cities at the two ends of the Pony Express route.

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2. Which cattle trail passed through Dodge City, Kansas? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Contrast the mining done in Virginia City, Nevada and Virginia City, Montana.

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4. What rail line connects to the Union Pacific from the south? \_\_\_\_\_

## B. General Exercises

Write *true* if the sentence is *true* and *false* if the sentence is *false*. Correct any false statements.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Cattle ranching grew after the Civil War because Confederate veterans *returned and began rounding up cattle*.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Cowboys called *sheepherders* woolies.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ The practice of putting cattle on the open plain was *begun by the Spaniards*.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Because they provided access to railroads, *boomtowns* eliminated the need for long cattle drives through hostile northern cattle land.

Answer the question.

9. How did these things help to eliminate the open range?

a. railroads \_\_\_\_\_

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b. barbed wire \_\_\_\_\_

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c. weather \_\_\_\_\_

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**C. Interpretation Exercise**

Answer the question.

10. Why were blacks more readily accepted in the West?

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