

**Chapter 23: Closing the Frontier**

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**Sections 1-3.** Define the given words by how they are used in the chapter. Place the letter of the definition in the blank next to the word that is described. Not all definitions will be used.

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| 1. _____ granite     | a. a course, hard igneous rock; hard to break |
| 2. _____ buffalo     | c. land set aside for Native Americans        |
| 3. _____ reservation | f. beliefs and practices of a people or group |
| 4. _____ culture     | g. people who drive cattle or sheep           |
| 5. _____ drovers     | h. common name of North American bison        |
|                      | s. a type of engine to pull a train           |

**Section 1.** Fill in the blanks with words from the Word Bank. There will be unused words.

Chinese	Sierra Mountains	Union Pacific	San Francisco
Irish	hunters	Central Pacific	buffalo
Native American	Germans	wildlife	Utah

- The \_\_\_\_\_ would build a railroad from the east to the west.
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- The Union Pacific hired primarily the \_\_\_\_\_ to supply the labor.
- The army had to protect workers from \_\_\_\_\_ attacks.
- The Central Pacific hired primarily the \_\_\_\_\_ to supply the labor.
- The granite in the \_\_\_\_\_ slowed the progress of the Central Pacific.
- Both railroad companies met in \_\_\_\_\_ in 1869.
- To reduce buffalo herds, \_\_\_\_\_ shot buffalo from the trains.

**Section 2.** Circle the letter of the correct answer for each problem.

14. Why was the reservation system put in place?

- F. to help Native Americans
- H. to set aside land for settlers
- M. to build a railroad
- W. to separate Native Americans from settlers

15. Which of the following is not true?

- B. settlers took Native land
- I. the buffalo neared extinction
- U. Native way of life disappeared
- Z. all Natives wanted to go to the reservations

**Section 3.** Identify each fact as something to do with farming, ranching, or mining. Place an F in the blank if the fact is about farming; place an R in the blank if the fact is about ranching; and place an M in the blank if the fact is about mining.

- 16. \_\_\_\_\_ The Texas Longhorn was a hardy strain of cattle.
- 17. \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph Glidden invented barbed wire.
- 18. \_\_\_\_\_ It was a dangerous, low-paying job.
- 19. \_\_\_\_\_ The Great Plains had great soil.
- 20. \_\_\_\_\_ Many people hoped to get rich quick.
- 21. \_\_\_\_\_ After the Civil War, demand for beef increased.
- 22. \_\_\_\_\_ Chicago was a major stop to butcher cattle.
- 23. \_\_\_\_\_ Congress passed the Homestead Act.
- 24. \_\_\_\_\_ Many drovers were African Americans and Hispanics.
- 25. \_\_\_\_\_ The western population increased.

**Section 3.** If the statement is true, write TRUE in the blank; if the statement is false, write FALSE in the blank.

- 26. \_\_\_\_\_ Americans once thought the Great Plains was a desert.
- 27. \_\_\_\_\_ Henry Comstock discovered gold in Nevada.
- 28. \_\_\_\_\_ The Homestead Act encouraged farming in the Great Plains.
- 29. \_\_\_\_\_ About a million people rushed into Colorado to find gold.