

America The Story of US: Heartland

Directions: Answer each of the questions below with short answers. Questions follow the order of the film.



1. How long would it take to go from New York to California? (across the continent)
2. What was the biggest challenge for the railroad going east from California?
3. How did the US government pay the railroad companies for building the railroad?
4. What are two reasons why the Chinese were brought to America to work on building the railroads?
5. After the railroad is put in, how fast could you get across the continent?
6. What was the act (law) that gave free land away in the Great Plains?
7. What are three problems Homesteaders had to deal with?
8. Trees from the east had to be harvested in order for homes to be built in the Great Plains. What nationality were many of the men who did the lumbering?
9. Why were buffalo in such high demand?
10. How did the over killing of buffalo force Native Americans onto reservations?
11. How did poverty in the South create the cowboy?
12. How were African-American cowboys usually treated by white cowboys?
13. Why did so many people find barbed wire necessary?

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14. How did General Custer's attack on the Sioux affect the tribe?

15. Why did the railroad create the idea of timezones?

16. What did Richard Sears do that no one had done before?