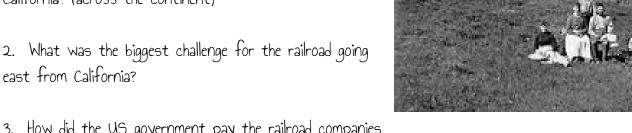
America The Story of US: Heartland

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



- 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?
- What was the act (law) that gave free land away in the Great Plains?
- 7. What are three problems Homesteaders had to deal with?
- Trees from the east had to be harvested in order for homes to 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?