

Americans Move West

Miners, Ranchers, and Railroads Notes

Mining Boom Brings Growth

- Western Boundary of the American Frontier, an undeveloped land, had reached the Pacific Ocean
- The look of the West changed
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Big Business

- 1859 a huge deposit of gold and silver were found in Nevada and became known as the
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- Thousands went to Nevada
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Settlers and New Towns

- Mining brought people from all over the world
- - Disappeared quickly

Cattle Kingdom

- Cattle Industry was the
- Mostly in Texas
 - (Great Plains from Texas to Canada)
- Workers who took care of cattle are called
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 - Most important job was herding cattle to markets or to the plains for grazing
 - Chisholm Trail was popular route

End of Open Range

- The first event to lead to the end of the open range was the rise in competition for land on the plains
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- Barbed wire was invented
- Cattle ate most of

Transcontinental Railroad

- Pony Express used to carry mail across the United States
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- Americans wanted a transcontinental railroad to connect the east and west
- Government granted the railroad companies millions of acres

- Two railroad companies lead the race to build the railroad
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 - Hired many Chinese immigrants to build the railroad
 - Many fights with Native Americans
- May 10th, 1869
 - Golden spike was