

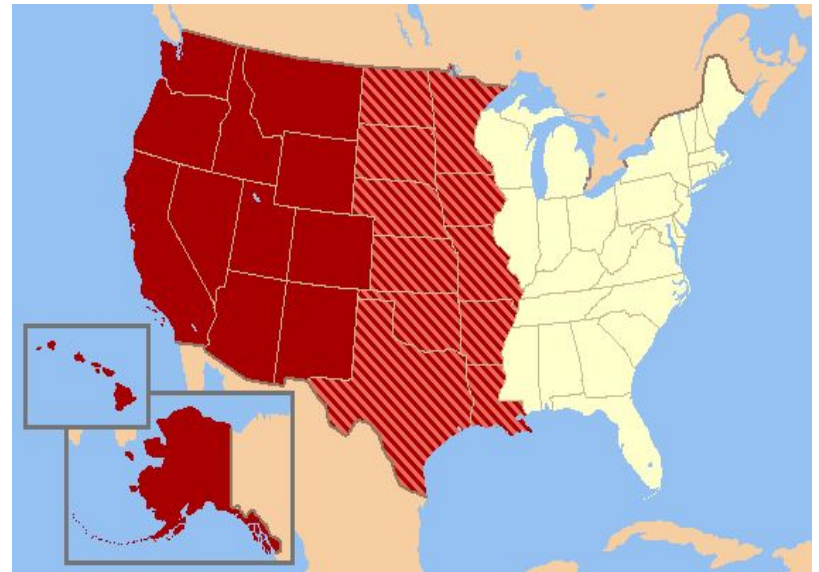
American Move West

Miners, Ranchers, and Railroads



Mining Boom Brings Growth

- Western Boundary of the American Frontier, an undeveloped land, had reached the Pacific Ocean
- The look of the West changed
 - Railroads
 - Gold and silver were the most valuable



Big Business



- 1859 a huge deposit of gold and silver were found in Nevada and became known as the
- Comstock Lode
 - This is how the mining boom began
- Thousands went to Nevada
- Mining became a big business and was the most dangerous job

Settlers and New Towns

- Mining brought people from all over the world
- Boomtowns were communities that grew suddenly when a mine opened
 - Disappeared quickly



Cattle Kingdom

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



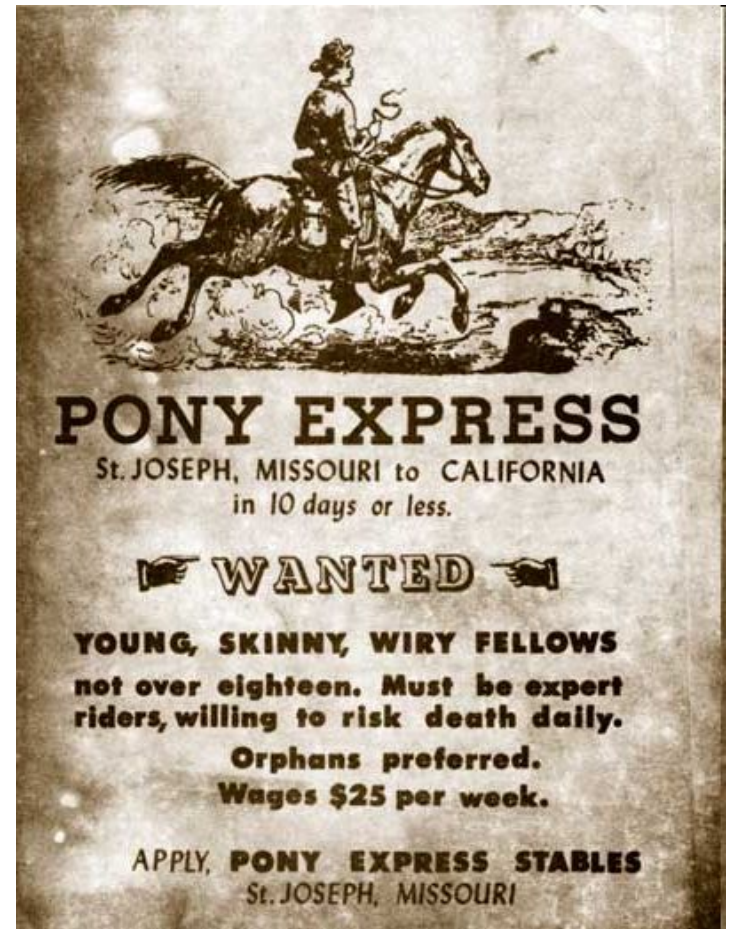
End of Open Range

- The first event to lead to the end of the open range was the rise in competition for land on the plains
- Farmers bought land
- Barbed wire was invented
- Cattle ate most of grass and severe winters ended the Cattle Kingdom



Transcontinental Railroad

- Pony Express used to carry mail across the United States
 - Very slow
 - Telegraph lines replaced the pony express
- Americans wanted a transcontinental railroad to connect the east and west
- Government granted the railroad companies millions of acres of public land to build railroad



Transcontinental Railroad

- Two railroad companies lead the race to build the railroad
 - Union Pacific
 - Central Pacific
 - Hired many Chinese immigrants to build the railroad
 - Many fights with Native Americans
- May 10th, 1869
 - Golden spike was used to connect the two railroad lines and the railroad was complete

