

THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES:

THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD

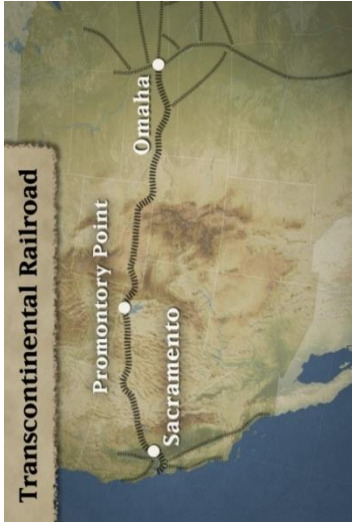
SSUSH11 The student will describe the growth of big business and technological innovations after Reconstruction.

b. Describe the impact of the railroads in the development of the West; include the transcontinental railroad, and the use of Chinese labor.

SSUSH12 The student will analyze important consequences of American industrial growth.

c. Describe the growth of the western population and its impact on Native Americans with reference to Sitting Bull and Wounded Knee.

The Transcontinental Railroad



1. After the Civil War, how and why did the West grow so rapidly?
2. What effects did the Transcontinental Railroad have on:
 - a. the mining industry?:
 - b. the beef industry?:
 - c. agriculture?:
3. Where did the money to build the Transcontinental Railroad originate?
4. Use the map below. Circle and label the mileage of track built by the Central Pacific Company. And then circle and label the mileage of track built by the Union Pacific Company.
5. What two groups of immigrants were mainly used in constructing the Transcontinental Railroad?
6. Use the political cartoon to answer the question: What is this cartoon saying about the Chinese laborers used to build the railroads? Is it pro-Chinese or anti-Chinese?



7. In 1869, what event was held at Promontory Point, Utah?

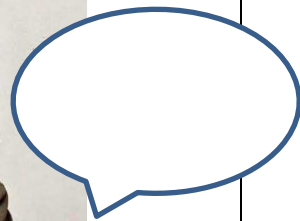
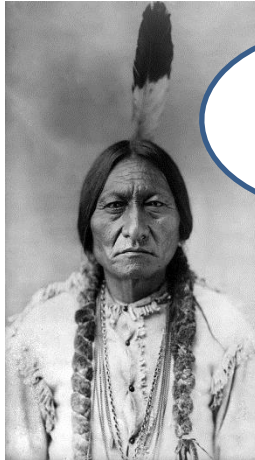
Native Americans and Westward Expansion

1. As a result of the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad, what actions did the United States government take against Native Americans?
2. In 1875, how did the discovery of gold impact the Sioux Indian tribe?

3. How did Indian Chief Sitting Bull react to this encroachment of white settlers?

4. What was the purpose behind the Battle of Little Big Horn?

Fill in the word bubbles with what Sitting Bull and General George Custer may have said to one another.



5. How did the United States react to the defeat at the Battle of Little Big Horn?

6. Why were US officials threatened by the revival of the Native American tradition “The Ghost Dance”?

7. What happened to Sitting Bull?

8. What tragic event occurred at Wounded Knee?

9. Why are the events of Wounded Knee important for understanding Native American history?

10. Create a newspaper caption at right that would accompany this photo of the Wounded Knee Massacre:

