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Unit 3:

Westward Expansion

STANDARD USII.2a

The student will use maps, globes, photographs, pictures, or tables for
a) explaining how physical features and climate influenced the movement of people westward.

STANDARD USII.2b

The student will use maps, globes, photographs, pictures, or tables for
b) explaining relationships among natural resources, transportation, and industrial development after 1865.

STANDARD USII.4a

The student will demonstrate knowledge of how life changed after the Civil War by
a) identifying the reasons for westward expansion, including its impact on American Indians.

Westward Expansion

MYP: *Triumph and Tragedy of the American West*

ATL Skills: Communication & Research

Summative: “The Smithsonian Needs You” Project **AND** a multiple choice test

Statement of Inquiry: Opportunities for change can create turning points that may cause conflict, innovation and revolution.

Inquiry Questions:

Factual: What are types of conflict? What is a turning point?

Conceptual: How do people innovate?

Debatable: Does change provide opportunities for everyone?

ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS:

- During the nineteenth century, people’s perceptions and use of the Great Plains changed.
- Technological advances allowed people to live in more challenging environments.
- New opportunities, population growth, and technological advances led to westward migration following the Civil War.
- Westward expansion destroyed ways of life that American Indians had practiced for centuries and dispossessed them from their homes.
- Advances in transportation linked
- resources, products, and markets.
- Manufacturing areas were clustered near centers of population.

Westward Expansion

Geography: Circle the **Great Plains** geographic region on the map below. (*Use Pencil*)



A. NOTES - Physical Features & Climate of the Great Plains

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

B. How did **PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS** = **OBSTACLES** for Western Settlers

Physical Characteristic	Obstacle
1. Low Rainfall, few lakes & streams with seasonal flow... <i>less than 20 inches annual rainfall</i>	➔
2. Treeless Flatlands...	➔
3. Tough Prairie Soil Eroded by Wind and Water...	➔

C. What was “Manifest Destiny”? Explain in your own words in the space below:

Background Information:

The Homestead Act	The Pacific Railway Act
<p>When: May 20th, 1862</p> <p>Why: LAND</p> <p>What: An Act aimed to settle the western territory of the Great Plains. Anyone 21 years of age or older could apply for 160 acres of land in the Great Plains and own it outright in 5 years if they successfully...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved the land• Lived on the land• Farmed the land	<p>When: July 1, 1862</p> <p>Why: TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>What: <i>“An act to aid in the construction of a RAILROAD and TELEGRAPH line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for Postal, military and other purposes.”</i></p>

D. Inventions & Adaptations:

Before the Civil War, people referred to the Great Plains as, “The Great American Desert” and described it as a “treeless wasteland” that was unfit for settlement. Things changed after the Civil War, people started seeing the Great Plains as a territory full of opportunity...a place where they could live. Why...what changed?

NEW T _____

Vocabulary Terms:

Invention: _____

Adaptation: _____

D. Inventions & Adaptations *cont...*

Obstacles to Overcome:

- No Water
- No Trees
- Tough Prairie Sod

Invention/Adaptation	Obstacle to Overcome	Results...
Barbed Wire		Farmers could fence off their land, protect their crops from cattle
Steel Plow		Farmers could successfully plow up the thick rooted prairie grass.
Dry Farming		Wheat could grow in dry climate by planting deep into the ground to access underground moisture.
Sod Houses		Provided shelter for homesteaders to protect them from the harsh climate.
Beef Cattle Raising		Hardy stock of Longhorn cattle provided food for growing populations for cities across America.
Wheat Farming		Turkey Red Wheat; drought resistant type of wheat that grew in the Great Plains. Provided food for growing cities in America.
Windmill		Provided water for crops, livestock and farmers.
Railroads	Took about 5-6 months to travel across the country in a wagon. Plus, it was dangerous!	Provided fast & safe transportation across America. Reduced travel time, now only takes 1 week to travel from the East Coast to the West Coast.



Reasons for Westward Expansion:

Reason...	Details...
<p>#1</p> <p>Opportunities for _____ Ownership</p>	<p>The _____ Act:</p> <p>January 1, _____</p> <p>Anyone could file for _____ acres of free land</p> <p>The land was yours in _____ years if you made the following land improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Built a _____ on it ➤ Dug a _____ ➤ Broken (plowed) _____ acres of land ➤ _____ in a specific amount of land ➤ Actually _____ there!
<p>#2</p> <p>_____</p> <p>advances, including the _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Pacific _____ Act, _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Authorized _____ companies to construct the railroad: ➤ Union Pacific - built the railway moving _____ ➤ Central Pacific - built the railway moving _____ <p>Connected the eastern and western coasts of the United States.</p> <p>Travel Time = less than _____ coast to coast</p>
<p>#3</p> <p>Possibility of obtaining _____ created by the discovery of _____ and _____</p>	<p>- After the California Gold Rush Dried up, miners who still hoped to strike it rich headed east to _____</p> <p>in search of gold and silver.</p> <p>- Prospectors from the East continued to head West, through the Great Plains, to the Rocky Mountains and Black Hills in search of their fortune.</p>
<p>#4</p> <p>Desire for _____</p>	<p><i>"I'm bored....heading West!"</i></p>
<p>#5</p> <p>Desire for a new beginning for former _____</p>	<p>“ _____ ”</p> <p>They built their own homesteads and created towns such as _____, Kansas.</p>

<p>#6</p> <p>Immigration of workers from _____ who built much of the Transcontinental Railroad.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor force for the railroad & mining industries in the West. • Faced Discrimination; Americans feared they would lose jobs to the Chinese Labor force. • This led to the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 which halted Chinese immigration for 10 years.
<p>#7</p> <p>Escape from cyclical _____ and white intimidation and violence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor families back east had few opportunities for education, land ownership, or financial success. • This poverty was passed down to the next generation and difficult to escape.

Impact on Native Americans



1. Opposition by American Indians to Westward Expansion...Native Americans fighting back

- _____
- _____

2. Forced Relocation from Traditional Lands to Reservations

- _____
- _____
- _____

3. Reduced Population through Warfare, Disease and Reduced Buffalo Population

- _____

4. Assimilation Attempts and Lifestyle Changes... *forcing Native Americans to act like regular Americans*

a. _____

b. _____

5. Reduced their Homelands through Treaties that were Broken *(ex. Fort Laramie Treaty)*

a. As soon as a _____

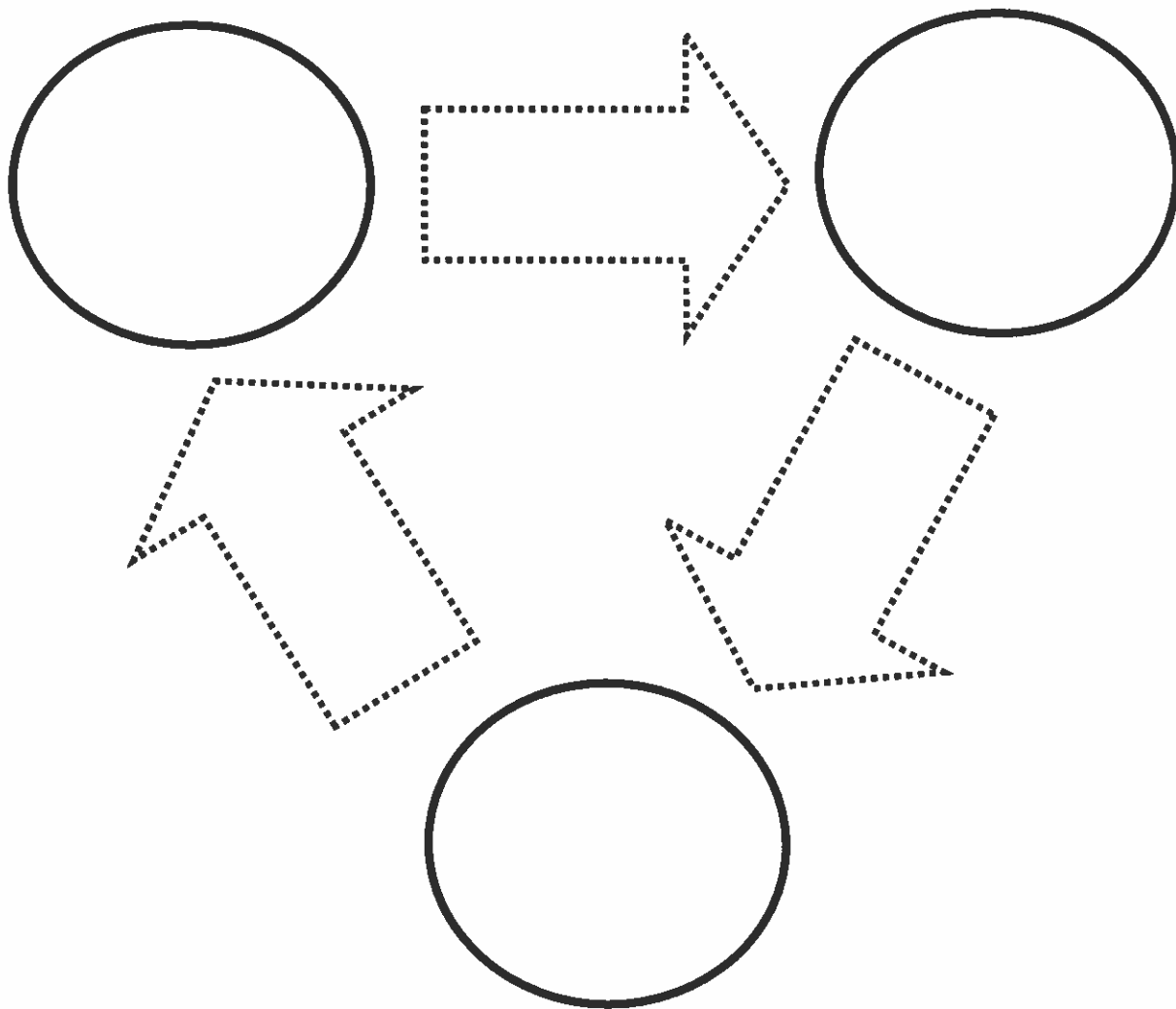
_____ was discovered in Indian Territory, the

_____ would _____ the _____

they signed with Native Americans and _____ them to

_____.

RAILROADS: Impact of Advances in Transportation



Transportation of Resources:

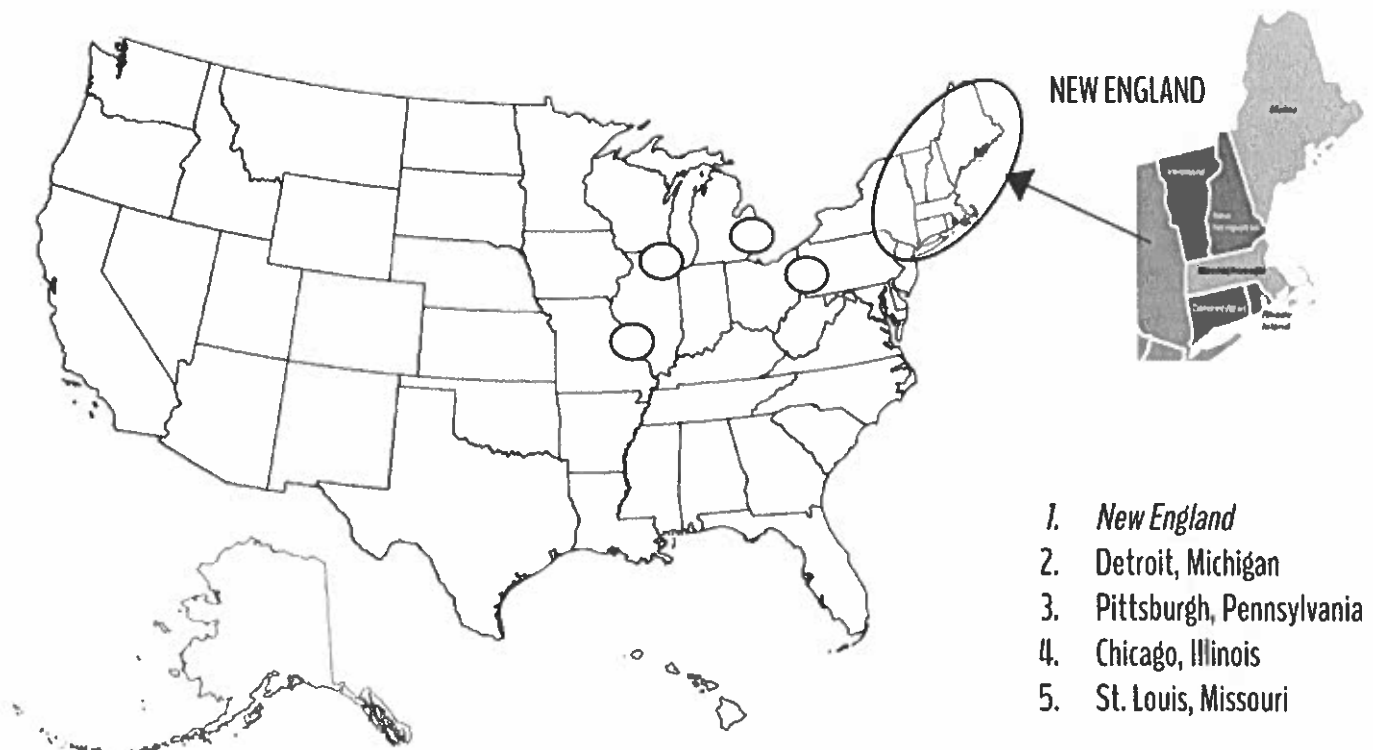
1. Moving _____ resources to _____ factories. (ex., iron ore to steel mills)
2. Transporting finished _____ to national _____
3. Locating factories near rivers and _____ to move resources and finished goods to markets.

Manufacturing Areas: Cities!

Why are manufacturing centers located near population centers?

What type of **manufacturing centers** were located in **American cities**?

- New England = _____ industry (cloth)
 - Detroit, Michigan = _____ industry
 - Industry Leader = _____
 - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania = _____ industry
 - Industry Leader = _____
 - Chicago, Illinois = _____ industry
 - St. Louis, Missouri = _____ & _____ industry
 - Industry Leaders = _____ & _____
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1. *New England*
2. *Detroit, Michigan*
3. *Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*
4. *Chicago, Illinois*
5. *St. Louis, Missouri*