

Settling the Frontier Quiz

1. Which of the following was not a use of the buffalo by the American Indians?
 - a. food
 - b. clothing
 - c. riding
 - d. tools
2. Why did the policy of treating the Great Plains as a huge reservation change?
 - a. White settlers began wanting the land on the Plains
 - b. Native Americans refused to remain on the Plains
 - c. Native American populations decreased and needed less land
 - d. The Plains failed to meet the needs of Native American peoples
3. Demand for beef in the East contributed to
 - a. the invention of the cowboys' way of life
 - b. the end of the long drives
 - c. the development of the Chisholm Trail
 - d. the decline of the railroads
4. The Mexican vaquero influenced the American cowboy in all of the following areas EXCEPT
 - a. politics
 - b. language
 - c. clothing
 - d. food
5. What led to the growth of boomtowns in the Rocky Mountains and to the west?
 - a. cattle trails
 - b. silver and gold mines
 - c. Indian trading posts
 - d. All of the above
6. Which of the following new inventions enabled settlers to farm the often dry and harsh terrain of the prairie?
 - a. steel windmills
 - b. reaper
 - c. steel plow
 - d. all of the above
7. Which group of people worked on building the transcontinental railroad?
 - a. Irish
 - b. Chinese
 - c. African Americans
 - d. All of the above
8. In what town did the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific meet that linked the east coast with the west coast?
 - a. Sacramento
 - b. Promontory
 - c. Abilene
 - d. Denver
9. The intent of the Homestead Act was to
 - a. prevent African Americans from settling the west.
 - b. settle Native Americans in farming communities.
 - c. make money for the government.
 - d. encourage white families to develop the west.
10. Which of the following was MOST responsible for bringing an end to the era of the wide-open western frontier?
 - a. the railroad
 - b. barbed wire
 - c. sheep ranching
 - d. bonanza farming