



Westward Expansion

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The Transcontinental Railroad was completed in the year _____ .
2. The two railroad companies were Union Pacific and _____ Pacific.
3. The railroads met at Promontory Summit in the state of _____ .
4. Chinese and _____ immigrants did much of the railroad construction work.
5. The Cherokee were forced to walk the Trail of _____ in 1838.
6. Native Americans were forced to live on areas called _____ .
7. Westward expansion led to the destruction of _____ herds on the plains.
8. The Indian Removal Act forced tribes to move _____ of the Mississippi River.
9. The Oklahoma Land Rush took place in the year _____ .

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

1. Match each item to its correct answer.

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| Trail of Tears | → _____ | free land for farmers |
| Promontory Summit | → _____ | California gold seekers |
| Homestead Act | → _____ | Cherokee forced march |
| 49ers | → _____ | railroads joined here |

Answer Key • Westward Expansion • Grade: Grade 5

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Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The Transcontinental Railroad was completed in the year 1869 .
2. The two railroad companies were Union Pacific and Central Pacific.
3. The railroads met at Promontory Summit in the state of Utah .
4. Chinese and Irish immigrants did much of the railroad construction work.
5. The Cherokee were forced to walk the Trail of Tears in 1838.
6. Native Americans were forced to live on areas called reservations .
7. Westward expansion led to the destruction of buffalo herds on the plains.
8. The Indian Removal Act forced tribes to move west of the Mississippi River.
9. The Oklahoma Land Rush took place in the year 1889 .

Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

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| Trail of Tears | → <u>Cherokee forced march</u> | free land for farmers |
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