



Westward Expansion

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. On the plains, pioneers burned buffalo _____ for fuel because wood was scarce.
2. A _____ house was built from strips of prairie grass and soil.
3. Cowboys drove cattle along the Chisholm _____ to railroad towns in Kansas.
4. Barbed _____ was invented to help farmers fence their land on the open plains.
5. The steel _____ allowed farmers to break through tough prairie soil.
6. Dodge City and _____ were famous cattle towns in the Old West.
7. Many frontier children learned to read at one-room _____.
8. Windmills were used on the plains to pump _____ from underground.
9. The Great Plains were once called the Great American _____.

Part B: Matching

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

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Chisholm Trail	→ _____	broke through tough prairie soil
barbed wire	→ _____	prairie home built from grass and dirt
sod house	→ _____	cattle drive route to Kansas
steel plow	→ _____	fenced land on the open plains

Answer Key • Westward Expansion • Grade: Grade 5

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