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### Ch. 12 STUDY GUIDE: Americans Move West

**ESSENTIAL QUESTION 1** (How did the transcontinental railroad and other railroads effect the growth of the U.S.): **Use letters A-K**

- A. What is the importance of the "Transcontinental" Railroad?
- B. Which two companies built the Transcontinental Railroad? Where did each company start to build?
- C. Which immigrant groups should get the most credit for helping to build each side of the railroad? Why did Americans not want to take these jobs?
- D. What were some stereotypes given to the immigrant workers?
- E. Which railroad company had to deal with building through the Sierra Nevada Mountains and snow in the west? Which company had to deal with attacks from Native Americans?
- F. What are two reasons why Native Americans attacked the railroad workers?
- G. Where did the two lines meet? What date was the Transcontinental Railroad completed?
- H. What are three benefits of the Transcontinental Railroad? What are three drawbacks of the Transcontinental Railroad?
- I. What is another name for the Great Plains? What geographic landforms serve as its natural boundaries?
- J. What are two ways that settlers on the Great Plains made their living?
- K. Why did the government create the Homestead Act?

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**ESSENTIAL QUESTION 2** (How did the U.S. Government and its people treat the Native Americans, and what were the long term results of this treatment?): **Use letters L-S**

- L. What are the different ways that Native Americans and White Settlers view the land?
- M. What are two other different values that Native Americans and White Settlers hold?
- N. What types of promises or agreements did the US government make with the Native Americans? Why, do you think, the Native Americans distrusted the US government eventually?

- O. What is a reservation? Why were they built and why did the Native American lifestyle not succeed within their boundaries?
- P. Why did White Settlers invade the Native American reservation at Sand Creek, Colorado?
- Q. What is the meaning of the Ghost Dance to the Native Americans? How did the US government respond to the Sioux's performance of it at Wounded Knee Creek?
- R. What is the significance of the Battle of Little Bighorn?
- S. Why did the US government pass the Dawes Act? Why did the majority of Native Americans not want to go along with its requirements?

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**ESSENTIAL QUESTION 3** (What factors influenced human migration to the West and what were the effects of this migration?): **Use letters T-Z**

- T. Why was cattle raising an important industry in Texas?
- U. What were some of the problems faced by the cowhands? What led to the end of the cowhand's way of life?
- V. What does a prospector do?
- W. What are some problems that miner's face at work? Are these problems that still exist today? Explain your answer.
- X. What is a boomtown?
- Y. Why did vigilantes take the law into their own hands in boomtowns?
- Z. What was the purpose of the Grange?