

Vocabulary Activity



Settling the West, 1865–1890

Content Vocabulary

Directions: Answer each of the following questions about the chapter with a complete sentence. Include the listed vocabulary words in your answer.

1. Explain how mining techniques sometimes damage the land.
(hydraulic mining) _____

2. What role did the open range play in the development of the cattle industry?
(open range, hacienda) _____

3. Why were vigilance committees important to the boomtowns of the West?
(vigilance committees) _____

4. How did the government encourage the development of the Great Plains?
(homestead, sodbuster) _____

5. How did dry farming encourage wheat production on the Great Plains?
(dry farming, bonanza farming) _____

6. **Directions:** Use this graphic organizer to explain how the following factors contributed to the downfall of the nomadic way of life of the Native Americans of the plains.

Terms	Meaning	Effect
Annuity		
Allotment		
Assimilate		

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