

# Bio of America The West

- 1) Before the welfare state, the US government did not spend money to promote social justice and democracy. Instead, it handed out what resource?
- 2) What effect did the distribution of land have on the development of the nation?
- 3) Americans like Henry David Thoreau (the famous transcendentalist) believed what held the promise of freedom?
- 4) What two corporations were chartered under the Pacific Railway Act and for what goal?
  - a)
  - b)
- 5) How many square miles of land did the railroads get for each mile of track they built?
- 6) Test crews of 50 Chinese workers were so successful that it led to the recruitment of how many more Chinese workers?
- 7) The former Methodist Minister John Chivington led an attack on peaceful natives at what Colorado site?
- 8) By the time of the Wounded Knee Massacre, the USA had turned to what new strategy for dealing with the Native Americans?
- 9) In 1887, what did the Dawes Act do to help Native Americans?
- 10) Why did the politician Mr. Bright argue for women's suffrage in Wyoming in the 1860's?
- 11) Fortunately for the women of Wyoming, the Republican governor of Wyoming did what in 1871?
- 12) Machines like the McCormick Reaper were encouraging farmers to do what during the 1870's?

13) Henry David Thoreau's comment about railroads was enlightening: He claimed "We do not ride on railroads... \_\_\_\_\_."

14) Why do Thoreau's words make sense?

15) The Farmer's Alliance of the 1880's demanded several changes in their platform. Name at least 3 things they sought:

- a)
- b)
- c)

16) What 2 men fought it out in the election of 1896?

17) Who won the fateful Election of 1896 and just as importantly, who lost?