6.12 Identifying and Explaining Turning Points in the American West: 10-minute Pack

EDEXCEL 1HI0 · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions. You are advised to spend about 10 minutes on this pack.

1 Give the year the Homestead Act was passed by the US Congress.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

2 Give the year of the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Name one mineral rush that increased white settlement in the West during the nineteenth century.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

4 Name the two railway companies whose meeting in 1869 completed the first US transcontinental railroad.

(Total for Question 4 is 1 mark)

5 Give one way the completion of the transcontinental railroad affected migration to the Plains.

(Total for Question 5 is 1 mark)

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6 State two effects of horses becoming widespread among Plains nations from the eighteenth century.

(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)

7 Name the 1887 law that aimed to break up tribal landholding by granting allotments to individual Native American households.

(Total for Question 7 is 1 mark)

8 State one reason settlers were attracted to homesteads under the Homestead Act.

(Total for Question 8 is 2 marks)

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Question 1

1862 **B1**

Answer: 1862

Question 2

1876 **B1**

Answer: 1876

Question 3

The California Gold Rush (1849) or the Comstock Lode (Nevada) or the Colorado Silver discoveries **B1**

Answer: For example, the California Gold Rush of 1849.

Question 4

The Union Pacific and the Central Pacific **B1**

Answer: The Union Pacific and the Central Pacific

Question 5

it made travel to the Plains faster and cheaper, encouraging more settlers to move West **B1**

Answer: It made travel to the Plains faster and cheaper, encouraging more settlers to move west.

Question 6

identifies an effect, e.g. hunting became faster and more efficient **B1**

supporting detail, e.g. mounted warfare and raiding increased mobility and changed intertribal competition **B1**

Answer: Hunting became faster and more efficient on horseback, and mounted warfare and raiding increased intertribal mobility and competition.

Question 7

The Dawes Act **B1**

Answer: The Dawes Act

Question 8

identifies a reason, e.g. free or very cheap land **B1**

supporting detail, e.g. a settler could claim 160 acres after improving and living on it for five years **B1**

Answer: Because of access to free or very cheap land, for example a settler could claim 160 acres after living on and improving it for five years.

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