



Westward Expansion

Name: _____

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Grade: Grade 5

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2. Fix the sentence: The telegraph allowed people to send messages in weeks instead of months.

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3. Fix the sentence: Only American-born workers built the Transcontinental Railroad.

Rewrite: _____

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

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2. A golden _____ was driven to mark the completion of the railroad.
3. Before the railroad, a trip from coast to coast took about six _____.
4. Samuel _____ invented the telegraph, which helped connect the East and West.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

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2. Why was the telegraph important during westward expansion?

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1. Fix the sentence: The two railroad companies met at Promontory Summit in California.

Rewrite: The two railroad companies met at Promontory Summit in Utah.

2. Fix the sentence: The telegraph allowed people to send messages in weeks instead of months.

Rewrite: The telegraph allowed people to send messages in seconds instead of weeks.

3. Fix the sentence: Only American-born workers built the Transcontinental Railroad.

Rewrite: Chinese and Irish immigrants helped build the Transcontinental Railroad.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The Union Pacific railroad built westward from Omaha, Nebraska.
2. A golden spike was driven to mark the completion of the railroad.
3. Before the railroad, a trip from coast to coast took about six months.
4. Samuel Morse invented the telegraph, which helped connect the East and West.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. How did the Transcontinental Railroad change travel in the United States?

The railroad made it possible to travel from the East Coast to the West Coast in about one week instead of many months. It also made shipping goods across the country much faster and cheaper.

2. Why was the telegraph important during westward expansion?

The telegraph let people send messages across long distances almost instantly. This helped businesses, the government, and families stay connected as the nation expanded west.
