

## **Chapter 18 Test Study Guide:**

### **Section 1: Answer the following questions.**

1. What type of town did the boomtowns turn into after all the people left? [Ghost Towns](#)
2. At what point was the transcontinental railroad completed? [Promontory Point](#)
3. What do we still use today that was created as a result of the railroads? [Time Zones](#)
4. Define vigilante: [person that takes the law into their own hands](#)
5. Define transcontinental: [extending across the continent](#)
6. Define lode: [mass or strip of ore sandwiched between layers of rock](#)
7. Define ore: [mined for the valuable substance found in it](#)
8. What type of workers did the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroad companies rely on? [Central Pacific – Chinese](#)      [Union Pacific – Irish and African American](#)
9. List 5 characteristics of a Boomtown. [Lawless, lively, expensive, violent, money came quickly](#)
10. Where did the government get the land for the Railroads? [Native Americans](#)

### **Section 2: Answer the following questions.**

11. What were some of the dangers on the cattle drives? [stampedes](#)
12. What was a boomer? [Homesteader](#)
13. What was a sooner? [Settler that snuck into OK territory before they were supposed to](#)
14. What type of farming did the sodbusters mainly use? [Dry farming](#)
15. What did the Homestead Act? [Gave 160 free acres of land to settlers](#)
16. Define open range: [land not divided or fenced in](#)
17. Define brand: [symbol burned into an animal to show ownership](#)
18. Define homestead: [to acquire a piece of U.S. land by living on and cultivating it](#)
19. List 3 characteristics of life on the trail for a cowhand. [Lonely, hard work, weather](#)
20. Most cowhands were what type of people? [African Americans, Confederate Army Veteran, Hispanic](#)
21. List 4 dangers cowhands faced on the trail. [Storms, rustlers, stampedes, swift rivers](#)
22. What was a sodbuster? [Plains Farmers](#)
23. Who were the Exodusters? [thousands of African Americans that migrated from the Southern states into Kansas](#)