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**AMERICA: THE STORY OF US
THE HEARTLAND**

DIRECTIONS: ANSWER THE QUESTIONS AS YOU WATCH THE VIDEO ON THE IMPACT OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD.

1. How long does it take people to cross the United States by wagon?
2. Where do people have to travel in order to go from east to west of the United States by *ship*?
3. Where does the railroad start in the East?
4. Where does the railroad start in the West?
5. Why did the United States government hire the Chinese to assist with the railroad?
6. How did 1500 Chinese die?
7. What happened on May 10, 1869?
8. How long does it take people to cross the United States by train?
9. What happens in the United States as a result of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad?
10. What was the purpose of the Homestead Act?
11. Identify four (4) aspects of life in the Great Plains.
12. Identify “Agricultural Armageddon” and explain what caused it.
13. Why is the Great Plains called the “breadbasket” of America?
14. Identify four products made from buffalo.
15. What is the most valuable part of buffalo?
16. Why were buffalo so valuable to the American Indian?
17. What is the “weapon of choice” for the American Indian?
18. Who were the “last of the great frontiersman?”
19. What is a “texas longhorn?”

20. What attracted former slaves to become a cowboy?
21. What was the purpose of barbed wire?
22. What happened at Little Big Horn?
23. How does Richard Sears get rich?
24. How did the Transcontinental Railroad create a “national economy?”
25. There were two groups that killed buffalo: Buffalo Hunters and the Indian. In your opinion, who is considered the “bad guy?” Why?