

Homestead Act

name:

Westward Expansion and Populism

Unit 2

Key Idea:

Analyze changes that occurred as the United States shifted from agrarian to an industrial society. (3.6)

A) Rewrite the Key Idea as an investigative question.

Homestead Act

1) What impact did the Homestead Act have on Westward Expansion?

Watch Video 1: "Sound Smart: The Homestead Act" and answer the following question:

Terms of the Act:

How many acres: _____

Age Requirement: _____

House Size: _____

Work at Least How Long: _____

By 1900...

How many acres were claimed: _____

How many farms built: _____

Problems Faced:

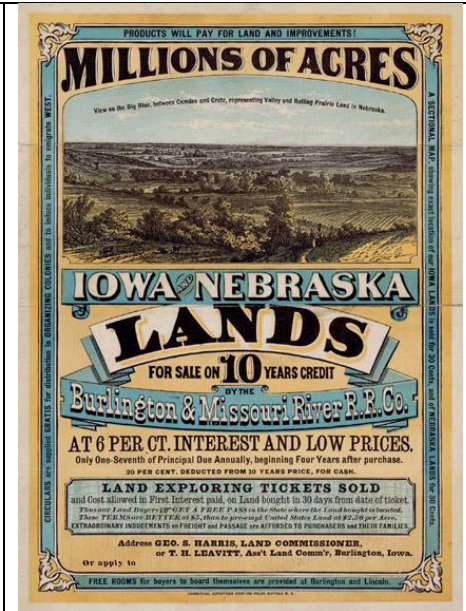
A Decade of Drought

Impact of Corporate Farms: _____

Railroads: _____

Watch Video 2: NBC News Learn. While watching complete the following information:

- _____ families took advantage of the offer
- Thousands were _____



3) What possible reasons did "Exodusters" have for leaving the South?

Video 3: "The Great Migrations" Watch the video and answer the following questions:

Problems with the Homestead Act

- Private _____, state agents, and _____, and took advantage of the free government land _____ land from its intended purpose
- _____ fenced open lands
- Miners and woodcutters claimed _____

4) How did the Homestead Act encourage settlers to move West?

Summary: Rewrite the question made from the Key Idea at the beginning and summarize this worksheet by answering it below. IF YOU DO NOT REWRITE THE QUESTION, I WILL NOT READ YOUR ANSWER.

Rewrite your Key Idea as a Question:
