

**Miners and Ranchers (Chapter 2 Lesson 1) Guided Reading** name: \_\_\_\_\_

Westward Expansion and Populism

Unit 2

**Key Idea:**

Determine how the development of steel, oil, transportation, communication, and business practices affected the United States economy. (3.4)

A) Rewrite the Key Idea as an investigative question.

**Directions:** Read the lesson in the textbook and complete the outline below. Write the answer that completes each sentence in the space to the RIGHT.**I. Growth of the Mining Industry**

A. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ staked a claim near Virginia City, Nevada, that turned out to be nearly pure silver ore.

(1)

B. Almost overnight it went from a town of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ people to almost (3) \_\_\_\_\_ people.

(2)

(3)

C. Most mining (4) \_\_\_\_\_ did not survive when the mines closed, instead they went (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and most residents left.

(4)

(5)

D. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ was a process that used simple equipment such as picks and pans.

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E. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ was a mining process that removed large quantities of earth.

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**Reading Progress Check:** (*Explaining*) What role did mining play in the development of the American West?

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**II. Ranching and Cattle Drives**

A. Some settlers began raising cattle on the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ after the Civil War.

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B. Cattle from the East could not survive on tough prairie grasses, but the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ could survive in the harsh climate.

(9)

C. Cattle ranching grew in part because of the vast areas of grassland owned by the (10) \_\_\_\_\_.

(10)

D. The (11) \_\_\_\_\_ covered much of the Great Plains and provided land where cattle ranchers could graze their herds free of charge.

(11)

E. In 1866 ranchers drove about 260,000 cattle to (12) \_\_\_\_\_; this was the first "long drive."

(12)

**Reading Progress Check:** (*Analyzing*) Describe the reasons for the growth of the cattle industry on the Great Plains.

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**III. Settling the Hispanic Southwest**

A. (13) \_\_\_\_\_ taught American cowhands their trade and enriched the English language with words of Spanish origin.

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B. (14) \_\_\_\_\_ were the majority of the population in New Mexico.

(14)

C. Spanish-speaking immigrants to Southwestern cities settled in neighborhoods called (15) \_\_\_\_\_.

(15)

**Reading Progress Check:** (*Describing*) How did vaqueros contribute to the cattle industry in the West?

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**Summary and Reflection**

**DIRECTIONS:** Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

(16) How did mining and cattle ranching help prepare Western territories for statehood.

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