

The Wild, Wild West Video Clip Questions

Names:

1 Central Pacific Chinese (7:20 minutes) <http://youtu.be/NdESysut3Ug>

1. After getting a fast start where did the Central Pacific Railroad get stuck?
2. How many workers did Charles Crocker need to build his railroad?
3. What was his response to the suggestion that the Chinese would be too small and weak to work on the railroad?
4. How many Chinese were eventually working on the Railroad?
5. What did the Chinese use to blast through the Sierra Nevada Mountains?
6. How did the Chinese tackle Cape Horn?
7. How many tunnels were dug through the mountains?
8. What was the average distance a day through the mountains?
9. How many snowstorms hit the crew?
10. How much snow fell during the heaviest storm of the winter?
11. How many Chinese died during the construction of the Central Pacific railroad?
12. What year did the Central Pacific railroad break out of the high Sierras?

2 Chief Joseph (8:00 minutes) <http://youtu.be/V9CTiUMrboE>

1. Who did the Nez Perce promise never to make war against the white man to?
2. Who did Chief Joseph surrender to?
3. What was the famous quote of Chief Joseph said as he surrendered?
4. Where were Joseph and his people taken after the surrender?
5. What civil war general was involved in the capture of the Nez Perce?
6. Where were the Nez Perce taken? How far from their home valley?
7. Because of unsanitary conditions how many Nez Perce died in the first year on the reservation?
8. What son of what Famous American discoverer died on the reservation?

3 Goodnight Loving Trail (5:25 minutes) <http://youtu.be/wSMWDY3ud4A>

1. According to Charles Goodnight above all else what instinct was most important for trail cowboys?
2. How old was Charles when he rode from Illinois to Texas bareback?
3. How old was Charles when he and his brother went into the cattle business?

4. Who did Charles fight with during the Civil War?
5. What had happened to the Texas Cattle business during the Civil War?
6. When the Texas Cattle herds went from 3.5 million to 6 million what happened to the price of cattle?
7. Who was Charles Goodnight's partner?
8. How much profit did they clear on their first trip?
9. What Indian tribe caught Charles on the open plain?
10. What happened to Charles Goodnight's remains?

4 Homestead Act (4:15 minutes) <http://youtu.be/wSMWDY3ud4A>

1. As the Railroads expanded into the West what intense competition began?
2. Why the Head of the Northern Pacific say it would not be worthwhile to construct a railroad to the Garden of Eden?
3. How much land did the Homestead Act promise to any person who filed a claim and agreed to work the property for five years?
4. How much did Kansas grow in the 1870's?
5. What happened to the population of Nebraska?
6. What was wind sickness?
7. What crop was planted on the semi-arid plains - helped the United States become the agricultural wonder of the world?
8. What did it sound like when the plow ripped through the Western States Soil?

5 Promontory Point (5:20 minutes) Promontory Point <http://youtu.be/wSMWDY3ud4A>

1. Why were the two railroads competing for the most miles of track laid down?
2. What point did the Government choose for the two rail lines to meet?
3. What day and year were the two lines united?
4. What was used to signify the driving of the final spike?
5. How many spikes were used for the ceremony?
6. Who drove in the last spike?
7. What happened?
8. How did they celebrate in Philadelphia at independence Hall?
9. What did the huge celebration banner in San Francisco say?

6 Buffalo and the railroads (4:00 minutes) <http://youtu.be/byzEGv5LLB8>

1. What was the west's most magnificent animal? _
2. How did a church in Lawrence Kansas raise money in a fundraiser?
3. Why did the White Man hire Buffalo hunters?
4. How many Buffalo were on the Range at the time Frank Mayer started his hunting outfit?
5. How much did Frank Mayer make per Buffalo?
6. How much did a cartridge cost?
7. How many Buffalo could be killed a day by Frank Mayer?
8. How much money did Frank think he could make a month?
9. How much was the President of the U.S. making a month?

7 Cowboy Life (7:45 minutes) <http://youtu.be/q7khWFvGSyl>

1. The Cowboy Cattle Trails led to railheads - In less than two decades how many cattle were herded north?
2. What new name were the men who brought the cattle north called?
3. Edward C. Abbott helped drive a herd of cattle to Nebraska when he was how old?
4. Why did the Cowboy sing? What was the purpose?
5. After 4 months on the trail the Cowboys arrived at their destination and got paid. What was often the result?
6. What law was passed in Abilene?
7. What were the names of some famous gunman?