

# The Building of the Transcontinental Railroad

Look and listen for the answers to the questions below as you view this presentation.

1. The transcontinental railroad would \_\_\_\_\_ the United States from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The two railroad companies hired to build the transcontinental railroad were the \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific and the \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific. They were given huge \_\_\_\_\_ grants in addition to the money they were paid.
3. The Union Pacific Railroad hired over \_\_\_\_\_ thousand workers, including:
  - Civil War \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ sides,
  - Former \_\_\_\_\_,
  - Immigrants from \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,
  - And \_\_\_\_\_ from the southwest.
4. The Union Pacific started on relatively \_\_\_\_\_ land, the plains of \_\_\_\_\_. The Central Pacific had to ship all of its supplies on a 15,000 mile journey around \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The officials of the Central Pacific had brought in \_\_\_\_\_ workers.
6. It took two years for the Central Pacific to conquer the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Mts.
7. President Ulysses S. \_\_\_\_\_ decided that the two railroads should meet at Promontory Point, \_\_\_\_\_.
8. On what date were the two railroads joined together?
9. The completion of the railroad meant that people would be able to travel from one ocean to the other in \_\_\_\_\_ days. Previously, it had taken \_\_\_\_\_ months.
10. How was the joining of the two railroads commemorated?
11. Throughout construction, workers on both sides were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and many lost their \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The completion of the transcontinental railroad was “the beginning of the end of the \_\_\_\_\_” and “the beginning of the end of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the American Indian.”
13. The length of the transcontinental railroad was equal to the distance of crossing the continent of \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The United States became a nation “from \_\_\_\_\_ to shining \_\_\_\_\_.”