

## Settlers on the Last Frontier

Social Studies 8

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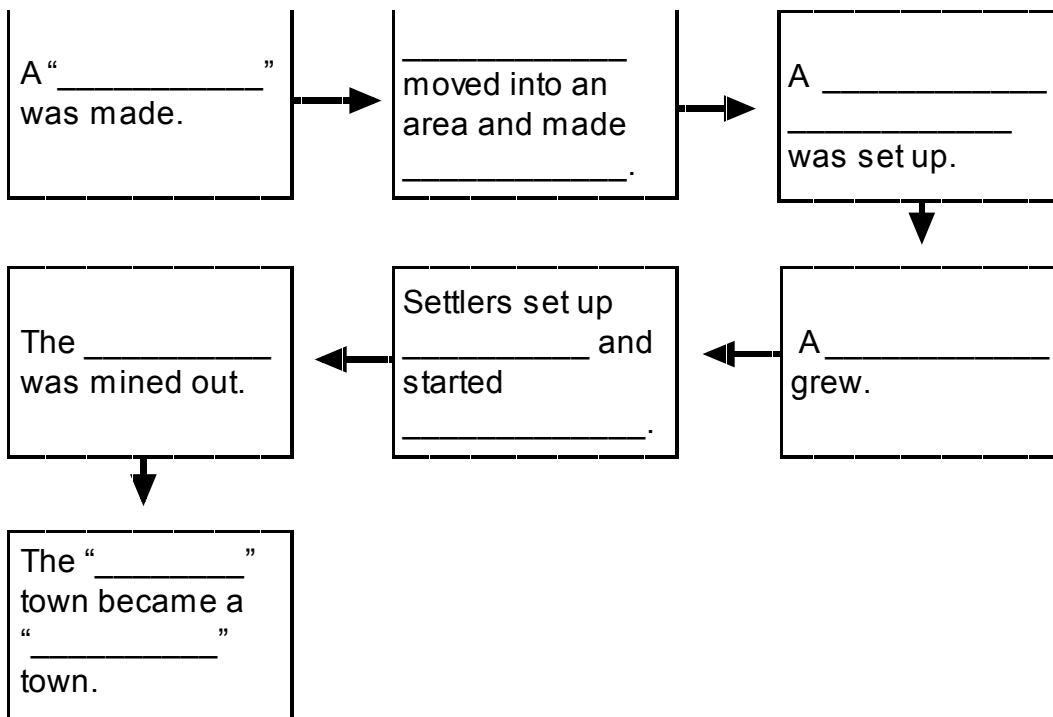
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Period: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What areas were included in “the last frontier?”

## Miners

2. Discoveries of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ brought miners into the last frontier.
3. Use your reading and your notes to help complete the flow chart below.



## Ranchers

4. The millions of acres of \_\_\_\_\_ on the Great Plains was well suited to raising \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ was the leading cattle center.
6. The growth of \_\_\_\_\_ made shipping cattle faster and cheaper.
7. “Cowboys” drove the cattle north along cattle \_\_\_\_\_ to “cow towns” such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ on what was known as the “\_\_\_\_\_.”

8. Unclaimed public grasslands were known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ wars broke out between \_\_\_\_\_ ranchers and \_\_\_\_\_ owners, and between ranchers and people who wanted to use the land for \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What brought the end to open-range cattle raising?

## **Homesteaders**

11. Who were Homesteaders?
12. How did the Homestead Act of 1862 encourage western settlement?
13. On the Great Plains there is little \_\_\_\_\_, few \_\_\_\_\_, and practically no \_\_\_\_\_. Homesteaders faced problems such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Those who stayed had to \_\_\_\_\_. Homesteaders learned to use \_\_\_\_\_ plows to work the soil and \_\_\_\_\_ to pump water from deep underground.
14. By 1890, the U.S. Census Bureau declared that the frontier had \_\_\_\_\_.