Notes:
Settling the Western Frontier
LG: Explain how and why people settled the West from the mid-1800’s to the Early 1900’s?
1. Gaining Land to Settling Land

a. The 19\textsuperscript{th} Century
   i. 1800-1860 = Gaining Land
      - Manifest Destiny
   ii. 1860-1900 = \textbf{Settling} the Land
      - Getting people to live on the land.
      - Going west and developing land.

b. How did people go West? \textit{Why}???
   i. Nothing there 😞... well, kinda.
c. **The Western Frontier**

i. The openness, and the good and the bad of the American West (a.k.a. the Wild West).

- Indians, cowboys, outlaws, vast amounts of land, farmers, OPENnESS.
2. **Railroads** Open the West

A. Massive govt. land grants for laying RR lines.
   
i. RR company got 10 to 20 sq. miles of land per 1 mile of track laid down.
B. Importance of RR’s.

i. MORE stuff moves FASTER in ALL directions!
A. **Homestead Act, 1862-1900**

i. 160 acres

ii. Farm on it for 5 years.

iii. 600,000 families

iv. New Life?!?!?!? Start new?

***Misuse...***

*Only 10% used by intended families.*

- Many sold land for own gain.
Nebraska,
The Garden of the West.

50 MILLION ACRES
OF
GRAIN & GRAZING LAND,
Offered to actual settlers only, for $1.25 per acre outside of Railroad Land Grant Limits; or $2.50 per acre inside of such limits, under the pre-emption law, or a

Homestead
Of 80 acres inside of Railroad limits, and of 160 acres outside, for $18.00 all told.

2,000,000 FARMS of Fortile Prairie Lands
to be had Free of Cost

CENTRAL DAKOTA
30 Millions of Acres
Of the Most Prodigious Grain Lands in the World. The Demand Will Equal the Location of the lands.

YOU NEED A FARM!
Here is now your last and simplest way of acquiring it. It will be noticed that the

CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN

HOW TO GET THERE
The New Line of Road that runs through to these Limits. It is the only Rail Road that connects them.

AT CHICAGO YOU CAN BUY TICKETS AT
31 CLARK STREET; 51 CANAL STREET, Corner of Madison, at the WILLIS STREET DEPOT, on Kinzie Street, north of Wells Street Bridge; and at KINZIE STREET DEPOT, on the corner of Kinzie and Canal Streets.

BEAR IN MIND
When you start out, furnished with all you will need.

Chicago & North-Western R'y.
Alright, You need to build a house...
4. Living on the Plains

A. *** After reading this quote, write what you think moving to the prairies and living on them was like.
“I think, as much courage as it took to hang onto the reins that day, it took more to live twenty-four hours at a time, month in and out, on the lonely and lovely prairie, without giving up to the loneliness.”
4. Living on the Plains

A. *** After reading this quote, write what you think living on the prairies was like.

B. Many lived in Soddies... Houses of sod.
C. Technology helps to make land productive!

i. Grain Drills

ii. Barbed Wire
iii. Steel Windmill Pump

iv. Steel Plow
D. **Morrill Act, 1862 & 1890**

i. Land for agricultural colleges.
   - Focus of farming & land development.

ii. Fund research and development.
5. Reasons Settling the West

*** List 5 Reasons Why You Think People Moved Out West???

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.