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Transcontinental Railroad WebQuest

Go to site: <http://www.history.com/topics/inventions/transcontinental-railroad>

Fill in the blanks and answer the following questions as you read this article.

1. It cost around $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to travel across the United States before the

Transcontinental railroad. After it was built, traveling across the country cost

$\_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was the President who signed the Pacific Railroad Act into law in 1862.

1. What were the names of the two competing companies that set up the terms for the transcontinental railroad?

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2.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Dr. Thomas Durant illegally obtained full control over the Union Pacific Railroad project. What was the name of the company he also set up through illegal means, which guaranteed risk-free profits from the railroad’s construction?

1. As a result of the transcontinental railroad, small settlements were being established along the railroad path that were known for people excessively drinking, and participating in illegal activities such as gambling and prostitution. These types of communities led to the mythology of the

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1. Name 2 groups that were hired as cheap labor to build the railroads

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1. Where was the meeting point that was agreed upon by the 2 railroad companies, which resulted in the completion of the transcontinental railroad?

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Short Answer:

On the web page, there are a variety of videos, galleries, and other articles relating to the transcontinental railroad. Please choose ONE of the links and in your own words state how that part of the transcontinental railroad has impacted us today.