**The Growth of the Railroad**

What did the growth and expansion of railroads mean for cities like Chicago? Who provided the labor for building the transcontinental railroad?

**The Pony Express and the Telegraph**

What was the Pony Express? Why did it fail after only a year?

**Western Farmers and Railroad Expansion**

How was farming in the West different from farming in the Northeast? Why did farmers and railroads need each other?

**Western Farmers and Favorable Government Policies**

How did the government encourage settlement of the Great Plains? Who took advantage of these laws?

**Farm Life**

What kinds of crops did Great Plains farmers grow? What were some of the hardships of farming life in the Great Plains?

**The Granger Movement**

What happened as a result of the growth of the railroad industry in the late 19th century? What was the Granger movement? What did it accomplish?

**Populism**

What led to the creation of the Populist Party? What did the Populist Party support?

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