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The West: Episode 5 The Grandest Empire Under God

1. Who often worked on the transcontinental railroad? What were the living conditions?
2. How did the building of the railway change the life of the plains Indians in ways that would prove to be unalterable?
3. Were the Chinese at first considered to be suitable workers on the railway? Why were they eventually chosen in such large numbers? What credit is due them for building the railway?
4. In what way was the joining of the rails at Promontory, Utah a national, rather than a local, event?
5. How did technology itself play a role in transmitting the event to the nation?
6. How were women’s rights affected by the settling in the West?
7. What was the purpose of the Homestead Act?
8. How did homesteaders adapt to the tough land of the Great Plains?
9. What was life like for Cattlemen and Cowboys in the West?
10. How did expansion out West affect the Bison population? Explain.