

AMERICA

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VIEWING QUESTIONS

EPISODE 6 ★ HEARTLAND



The West		19:44 - 35:24
14	How many buffalo roam the Great Plains during the 1860's?	30 Million

The Railroad		0:00 - 10:46
1	What did Abraham Lincoln give the "green light" that created a tidal wave of settlement on the Great Plains and was vital to the Transcontinental Railroad?	Transcontinental Railroad
2	The Spanish explorer who discovered the Great Plains was what nation's ancestor?	1,000 years
3	Who made the first transcontinental railroad?	
4	What was the first transcontinental railroad?	land
7	What was the first transcontinental railroad?	
The Great Plains		19:47 - 19:43
8	Event that led to the Homestead Act?	Homestead Act
9	Due to the lack of trees, what type of homes were made out of?	Mud homes / Sod / Grass
10	List 3 natural trials and/or hardships that settlers on the Great Plains had to deal with?	Prairie fires / thunderstorms / Wind / Tornados / Plagues of Locusts
11	According to the movie, why are the great plains called the breadbasket of America?	Grows wheat and other grains to help feed America.
12	Many Scandinavian immigrants come to the upper midwest of America for "green gold." What is green gold?	Trees / Lumber of the midwest
13	What problem was considered a "river man's ruin" and also a delay for nearly 20,000 homes being built.	Logjam

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