**America: The Story of Us**

**Episode: Heartland** (45 minutes)

1. How long did it take to cross the Great Plains over land?
2. What did the federal government give railroad companies to help fund the railroad construction?
3. Why was nitroglycerin needed for railroad construction?
4. Name at least three obstacles Uriah Oblinger and other settlers like him faced out west.
5. What was referred to as “green gold” during this time period?
6. What was the primary target for the 2 million rifles in circulation out west? In other words, what were they shooting at?
7. As a result, an increasing number of natives were forced to go where?
8. Where were cowboys taking cattle to during the cowboy era?
9. Complete the quote: “Lincoln freed all men but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made them equal.”
10. What invention was the greatest threat to ranchers and cowboys?
11. What happened to Custer’s 264 men at the Battle of Little Bighorn?
12. In November of 1883, how did the nation’s concept of time change as a result of the transcontinental railroad?
13. After selling watches, what was Richard Sears’ next big idea?
14. What happens to the US population during this time period?
15. What happens to the number of cities during this time period?