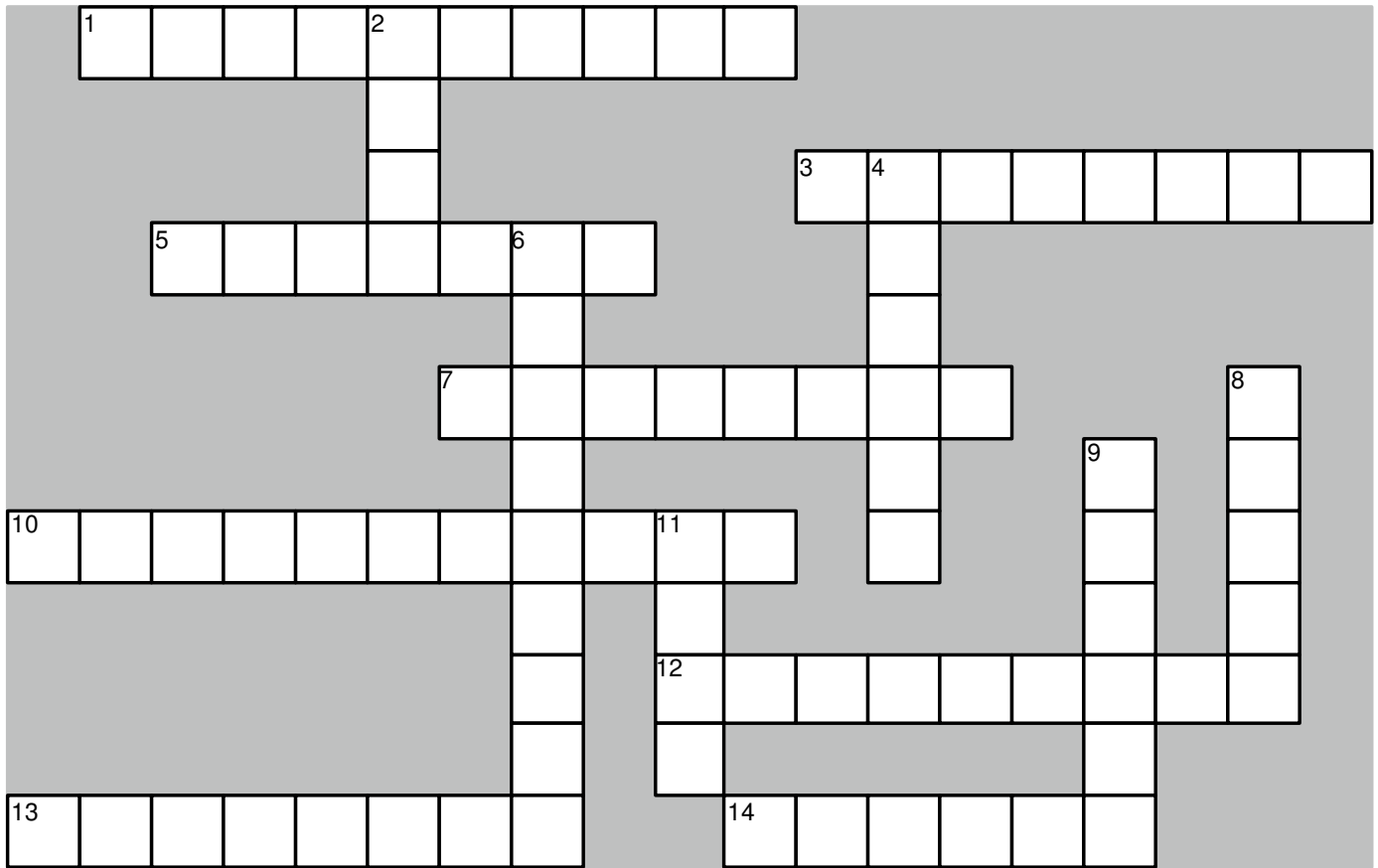


Activity 2: The Mining Frontier

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- 1 self-appointed law-officers who kept order in mining towns before proper government was established
- 3 Expensive _____ were needed to reach gold and silver that lay deep underground.
- 5 _____ miners were often treated unfairly.
- 7 The mining "boom" began with the California _____ of 1849.
- 10 miners who roamed the west searching for gold, silver and other valuable deposits
- 12 Mining _____ eventually replaced individual prospectors
- 13 term for a town that developed near a gold or silver strike
- 14 The rush of miners into an area where a strike was made often forced _____ Americans off their land.

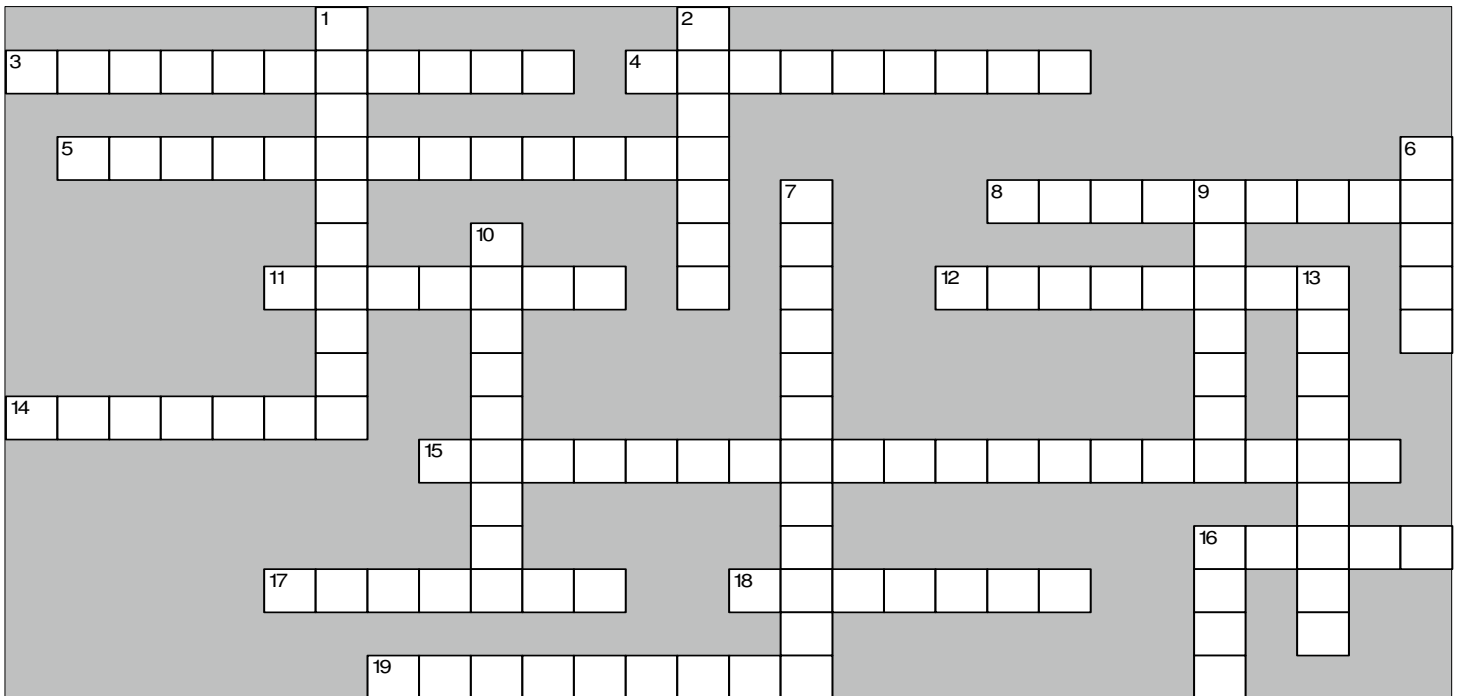
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- 2 a rich vein of gold or silver
- 4 where gold was discovered in the late 1890's
- 6 what many "boom towns" turned into after the gold or silver ran out
- 8 _____ sprang up near all the major mining sites.
- 9 the term for a new discovery of gold, silver, or some other valuable metal or mineral
- 11 Many Americans went west hoping to "strike it _____."

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Name: _____

The Cattle Kingdom



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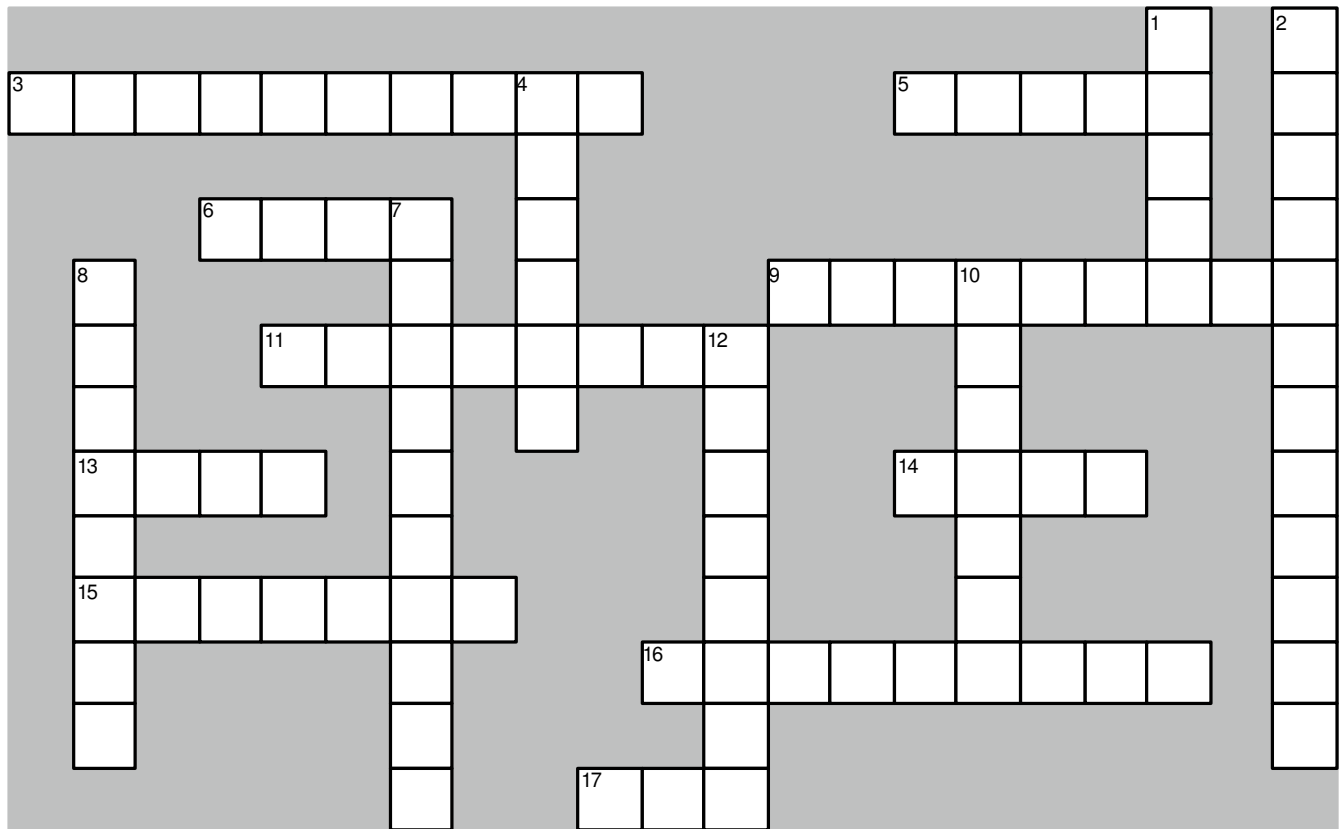
- 3 a problem that led to the decline of the Cattle Kingdom
4 fighting between ranchers and farmers and/or shearers
5 name given to the period when ranchers grazed cattle on the open range, rounded them up, and drove them to the railroads
8 _____ committees were formed in some cattle towns to promote law and order.
11 did the work on the Long Drive
12 The _____ had caused an increase in the demand for beef.
14 many open-range cattle froze or starved during the harsh _____ of the late 1880's
15 name once given to the Great Plains
16 how ranchers could tell which cattle on the open range were theirs
17 one of the first "cow towns"
18 Missouri destination of the first "long drive"
19 type of half-wild cattle that lived on the open range in Texas

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- 1 The best parts of the range lands were around _____.
2 _____ followed the railroads and tamed the West
6 where the first "long drives" originated
7 _____ competed with ranchers for grazing land.
9 At first, the cattle towns tended to be wild and _____.
10 the name given to the process of herding the cattle to the railroads
13 used to ship cattle to markets in the East
16 cattle were valuable in the East because they could be made into this

Activity4: Homesteaders Settle the Plains

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- 3 Because farmers used steel plows to "bust" up the tough "sod" of the Plains, they were often called " _____" by cowboys and ranchers. It was not a compliment.
- 5 one of the main cash crops of the plains
- 6 Women could ____ in many areas of the West.
- 9 Homesteaders used ____ to pump water from deep wells.
- 11 So many people moved into the west in the years after the Civil War that by 1890 the government declared that the ____ was "closed."
- 13 one of the main cash crops of the Plains
- 14 The lack of trees on the Plains made ____ a problem.
- 15 ____, including locusts and grasshoppers, made farming difficult on the Plains
- 16 The ____ Act of 1862 gave settlers 160 acres of free western land .
- 17 Homesteaders on the Plains often had to live in houses made of ____.

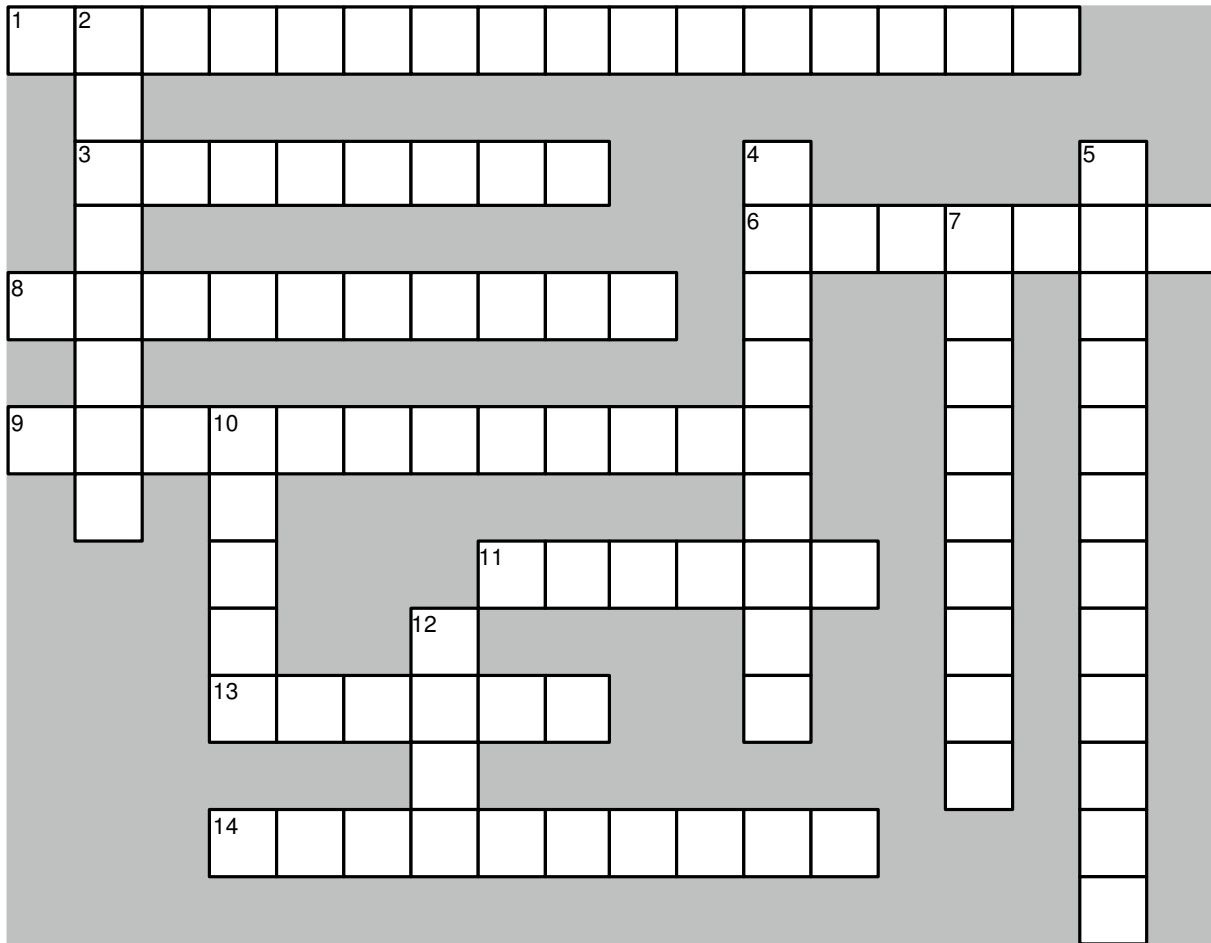
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- 1 The invention of the ____ plow helped farmers cut through the tough sod of the plains.
- 2 name for those people who moved west to take advantage of the Homestead Act
- 4 Women had more ____ in the West than in the East.
- 7 African Americans who moved west to escape discrimination in the South
- 8 term for a common source of fuel on the plains - the "droppings" of cows and buffalo.
- 10 a long period with little or no rainfall
- 12 ____ companies encouraged western settlement as a way to sell the land they had been given, and as a way to get more people to use their service.

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Activity 6: The Growth of Railroads

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- 1 going across a continent
- 3 The growth of railroads helped the growth of American ____ (manufacturing).
- 6 The ____ Pacific Railroad started in Sacramento, California and built its tracks eastward.
- 8 ____, Utah - where the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific met to create the first transcontinental railroad.
- 9 Railroads carried ____ goods from east to west.
- 11 Railroads made it easier for ____ to move west.
- 13 The growth of railroads had a negative effect on ____ Americans.
- 14 The U.S. ____ gave a lot of help to western railroads.

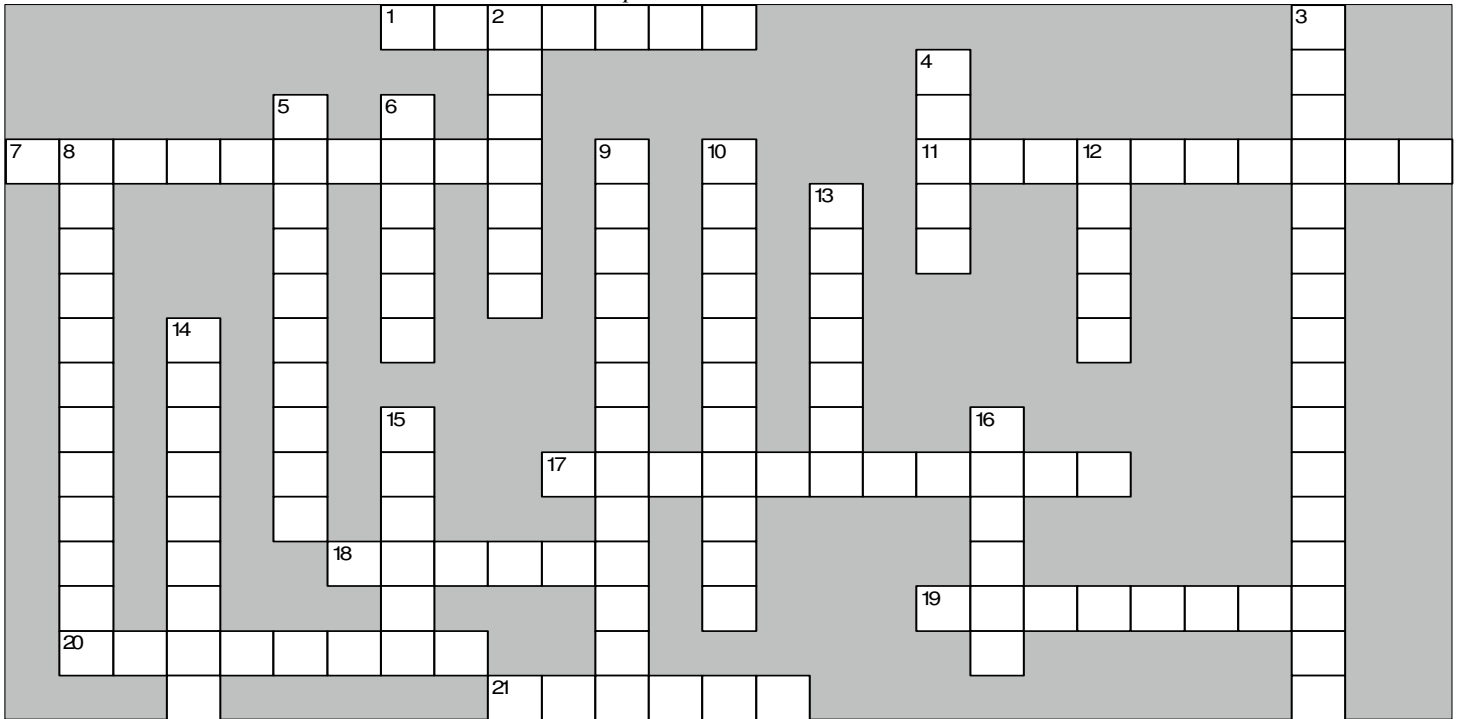
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- 2 ____ building became the nation's biggest business in the late 1800's.
- 4 Because people became more dependent on when trains arrived and left, ____ became part of American life.
- 5 Railroads carried ____ ____ from west to east.
- 7 To help railroads run more efficiently, the country was divided into four ____ ____.
- 10 The ____ Pacific Railroad started in Omaha, Nebraska and built its tracks westward.
- 12 By 1893 there were ____ transcontinental railroad lines.



Activity 7: The End of a Way of Life Name _____

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- 1 animal on which the Plains Indians depended
- 7 one Sioux leader
- 11 The _____ movement spread throughout the west and worried the soldiers.
- 17 another Sioux leader
- 18 Rather than move to a reservation, Chief ____ led his people in an attempt to escape to Canada.
- 19 "friendly" Indian tribe that lived in Idaho, Washington and Oregon
- 20 Civil War general who became commander of U.S. troops in the West
- 21 place of refuge for Indians attempting to avoid capture by the U.S. army

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- 2 time period that did not last very long for the American Indians; also the period of time Chief Joseph promised to "fight no more"
- 3 South Dakota location where the Indian War ended
- 4 As the buffalo disappeared, the Indians were forced to surrender, starve, or _____.
- 5 leader of the Sand Creek Massacre
- 6 The white man's promises to the Indians were often _____.
- 8 lands set aside for the Indians
- 9 location of "Custer's Last Stand"
- 10 miners who roamed the west searching for deposits of gold, silver, and other valuable minerals
- 12 Indian "owners" of the Black Hills
- 13 Helen Hunt _____ wrote *A Century of Dishonor*, a book detailing the mistreatment of the Indians by the American government.
- 14 Almost 300 Indian men, women and children were killed at _____ in Colorado in 1864.
- 15 Indian prophet who originated the Ghost Dance
- 16 led his men to their death at the Little Big Horn

