



COOL HISTORY FOR UPPER MIDDLES

BiblioPlan, Year 4, Week 8: COMPANION/BIBLE READINGS/CLASSTIME READINGS/GLOBE OR MAP

1. What was the purpose of the Pony Express?
2. List the qualifications of a Pony Express rider.
3. What were wagonways?
4. What section of the Transcontinental Railroad did the Central Pacific Company build?
5. What section of the Transcontinental Railroad did the Union Pacific Company build?
6. From what foreign nation did many of the Central Pacific Company's track laborers come?
7. Why did the American settlers want to eliminate the buffalo?
8. Name four conditions that American settlers had to meet in order to claim land under the Homestead Act.
9. What is a "squatter"?
10. Who were the "Sooners"?
11. What type of wagons carried cattlemen's equipment and supplies on cattle drives?
12. What dispute caused the Fence Cutting War?
13. What four time zones divide the United States?
14. Why did some British timepieces have two minute hands?
15. According to Thomas Edison, what was the secret of his success?
16. What is the capital of Arkansas? What is Arkansas' two-letter abbreviation?
17. What states border Arkansas?
18. For how long was James Garfield president?
19. Who shot President Garfield, and why?

20. What important law did President Chester Arthur sign in reaction to the assassination of President Garfield?

What did this law do?

BONUS QUESTION/ACTIVITY

Nikolai Tesla, the electrical engineer who “defeated” Thomas Edison in the “War of the Currents,” went on to build a famous tower on Long Island, New York. What was this tower's name, and what was its purpose? Who financed Tesla's tower project at first? Did the project succeed?

