

### Unit 3.3

#### **Identify:**

The **Northern Pacific Railroad** pressured Congress to gain permission to cross Assiniboine, Gros Ventre, and Blackfeet reservation lands that stretched across northern Montana Territory. (pg. 172)

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**James J. Hill** was rich railroad man, which built the Great Northern Railway. (pg. 175)

**John D. Ryan** partly introduced and invented the electric railway. (pg. 177)

#### **Define:**

**Transcontinental** means all the way across the continent. (pg. 171)

**Right-of-way** is the legal right to cross someone else's property. (pg. 172)

**Financiers** are investors who finance huge projects. (pg. 174)

A **land grant** is free land that the federal government gives to a company, an organization, or a state. (pg. 174)

**Labor unions** are organizations of employees that bargain with employers. (pg. 178)

**Industrialize** is to develop industries on a large scale (pg. 183)

Why did the people living in Montana as well as many outside of Montana want the territory to have railroads? Many people living in in Montana and outside of Montana wanted railroads because then livestock could be shipped easier, along with other food, clothing, and household appliances. (pg. 176)

What was the major impact of railroads on Indian lands? The major impact that railroads had on Native American lands was that the railroads took up some of their lands. (pages 171-172)

What was the Hi-line route? The Hi-line route was the northernmost transcontinental route in the United States. (pg. 175)

What was unique about the way the Milwaukee Road powered its trains? The Milwaukee Road was powered by electricity. (pg. 177)

Who came to Montana to work on the railroads? Japanese, Chinese, Asians, and Europeans came to America to bust their backs to help build the railroad. (pg. 178)

How did trains affect the social, economic, and physical landscape of Montana? Trains effected Montana by towns moving by train tracks.

Think about the impact of the railroads on Indian tribes. What, if anything, did Indians gain by the coming of the railroads? What did they lose? Native Americans gained getting more livestock and food, however they lost land, which they could have farmed or hunted. (personal opinion)

Analyze the role the railroads played in Montana's settlement. If the railroads had not come, do you think Montana's population would have grown so quickly in the late 1800s? Why or why not? I do not think that Montana's population would have grown so quickly, due to less transportation of food, livestock and household appliances. (personal opinion)

Why do you think Asian railroad workers were treated differently from white railroad workers? Are there any comparisons to present-day labor conditions? I think that Asian railroad workers were treated differently, due to different skin color, and where they were originated from. There aren't really any comparisons to present- day labor conditions. (personal opinion)

Imagine there was still a broad network of rail links between towns in Montana. How, if at all, might this affect your life? If there was still a broad network of rail links between towns in Montana I would either walk or ride a train ever where. (personal opinion)

The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, under President Dwight Eisenhower, was the beginning of the vast interstate highway system in the United States and spelled trouble for the railroads. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of rail and road, for both shipment of goods and passenger travel. An advantage to trains is that they can carry allot more passengers or goods than vehicles can. A disadvantage of trains is that they are slower that vehicles. An advantage of vehicles is that they can travel faster that trains. A disadvantage of vehicles is that they can not carry as much as trains can. (personal opinion)

Reread the sidebar, "We Talked until It Made My Heart Feel Dead," on page 172. Why do you think Pretty Eagle changed his mind about ceding part of the Crow Reservation? I think that Pretty Eagle changed his mind about ceding part of the Crow Reservation because he did not want to fight and the President offered him (what he thought was) a good deal. (personal opinion)

Research how the U.S. government supports the railway industry today, and compare it to the support it gave them in the 1800s (for example, land grants) and to the support it provides for

highway maintenance and construction. Do you think current government support for railroads should increase, decrease, or remain the same? The government is working on infrastructure.  
(personal opinion )

Do you have a train depot in your hometown? Is it still in use and, if so, in what capacity (as a railway station or as something else)? There is a train depot which is located on Mongold Rd, Willow Creek Montana.