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***America The Story of Us: Heartland* (45m): Video Guide**

**Answer the following questions as you watch the video.**

1. Approximately how many buffalo roam the Great Plains in 1865? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. How long does it take to cross the country by wagon in 1865? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was obsessed with creating a railroad through the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

4. What two towns did the transcontinental railroad construction start in:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. How much money in modern terms did the construction cost? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Because the government did not have enough money, they paid the companies in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. Why did the construction companies seek out Chinese laborers?

8. Nitroglycerin is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times more powerful than gunpowder.

9. An estimated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chinese died during construction of the transcontinental railroad.

10. The transcontinental railroad triggered a mass \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Great Plains.

11. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ percent of the United States is given away through the Homestead Act.

12. Settlers dismantled their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to make doors and windows.

13. Today, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ million tons of wheat are farmed in the Great Plains.

14. From 1825-1925, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Norway’s population came to America.

15. Hunters harvested the buffalo for its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

16. Factories used long strips of buffalo leather as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, small pieces for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

17. How did horses transform the lives of the Plains Indians?

18. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ million buffalo were killed in little more than a decade.

19. Facing starvation, Native Americans were forced on to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

20. By 1885, only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ buffalo survived in the United States.

21. In Texas, over \_\_\_\_\_ million cattle roamed wild.

22. Cattle in Texas were worth \_\_\_\_\_\_ per head, while back east they were worth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per head.

23. Cowboys drove cattle from Texas to the railroad in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

24. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of three cowboys is Hispanic or African-American.

25. The gun of choice for western cowboys was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

26. The invention of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ destroyed the cowboy’s way of life and closed the open range forever.

27. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is discovered in the Black Hills of South Dakota and the federal government wants to clear the land of the Sioux.

28. At the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Sioux killed 700 American soldiers led by George Custer.

29. At the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in 1890, over 200 Sioux warriors, women, and children were killed.

30. In 1883, the continental United States is reduced to just 4 time zones known as

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

31. Sears created the idea of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ catalog.

32. True or False. What really transformed this nation was the ability to move products across the country.

33. In the early 1900s, the United States takes over from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the largest manufacturer on earth.