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**“The Line”: Video Questions**

Answer the following questions based on the video.

1. Which politician first called for the construction of a transcontinental railroad?

2. Where did the railroad transcontinental begin?

3. What was the first big geographical obstacle the construction of the railroad faced?

4. Why did the Chinese flee their homeland to San Francisco?

5. What role did the Chinese play in the construction of the railroad?

6. From what city did construction of the railroad’s eastern end begin?

7. What was the previous occupation of many railroad workers on the eastern front?

8. How much land did the railroad company get for each mile they laid?

9. What was nitroglycerin used for? What were the dangers?

10. Describe the challenges the railroad faced as they encroached on Native American land.

11. How did avalanches slow down construction in the west?

12. How did the railroad owners decide to deal with Indian attacks?

13. Describe the bridges constructed in the deep chasms of the Sierra Nevadas?

14. How did the railroad engineers deal with the deep snow high in the Sierra Nevadas?

15. Describe the process of constructing tunnels high in the mountains.

16. Describe the scandal that plagued the Union Pacific?

17. Where was the meeting point of the two railroads?

18. Which railroad company finished first?

19. What was the ultimate impact of the transcontinental railroad?