

Story Study Guide
The Golden Spike
Prepare and due on _____

After reading the story over, please prepare yourself for the written test by answering the following questions. *Respond to these on this sheet if possible.* You may use your notebook if you feel it necessary for neatness and space.

Underline the correct response to multiple choice questions. Begin and end your sentence correctly, besides making sure that your sentence has a subject and predicate.

1. **How long did the two railroads meet?**

- a. eight years
- b. five years

2. **The transcontinental railroad helped farmers and ranchers by**

- a. letting them visit their families back East more easily
- b. giving them a better way to get products to market

3. **What message was sent by telegraph when the last spike was hammered in?**

4. **What happened when Leland Stanford tried to pound in the last spike in the railroad?**

5. **What was the golden spike?**

6. **What two railroads worked together to build the transcontinental railroad?**

7. **How did the engineers on the two trains mark the completion of the railroad?**

8. Who did most of the hard work to build the transcontinental railroad?

9. Where did the two railroads meet?

- a. Omaha, Nebraska
- b. Promontory Point, Utah

10. What effect did the completion of the transcontinental railroad have on the population of the West?

- a. Settlers traveled West and cities grew.
- b. Pioneers left the West to return home.

VOCABULARY this week!

Fill in the blanks with the words from the word bank.

transcontinental laborer pomp fabric thrive
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1. The _____ (people who work for pay) took a lunch break after working for five hours.
2. The American people hold the _____ (an underlying structure or foundation) of this country together.
3. The _____ (stretching across a continent) railroad connected the East to the West.
4. After tending to the flower garden with sunlight and water, the flowers began to _____ (to do well, to be successful, healthy, or strong).
5. The drum major threw up the baton with a lot of skill and _____ (a magnificent display or ceremony).

**Study these Spelling words:
Spelling: Review Words**

**autograph
photograph
important
motel
technology**

**graphics
transport
support
porter
geology**

**geography
portable
remote
biology
graph**

**paragraph
import
motor
apology
phonograph**

Practice these in cursive. Correct letter formation is a must!

*A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
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