

Answer Key: The Big Picture

Warm-up

The answers not likely to be true for this unit are crossed out.

Southern states passed new laws restricting the rights and freedoms of Black citizens.	Railroads expanded into western states like Texas making transportation easier.	Threats of war with Mexico caused the U.S. to cede some of Texas's territory to Mexico.
Manufacturing increased during this time, developing industries like lumber and coal in Texas.	The cattle and beef industry exploded in Texas because there was an abundance of cattle.	Hundreds of thousands of people left Texas, seeking opportunities in the North.
Conflicts with Indian tribes along the frontier caused Texans to stop settling the Plains.	Conflicts broke out between Anglos and Indians on the west Texas frontier.	Cotton farmers struggled and went into debt because they weren't making enough money.

Lesson

Part I: Analyze an Image

- Responses will vary

Part II: Essential Ideas Reading Passage

- Teachers can encourage students to highlight key information, annotate the passage by trying to identify major changes, topics, or themes, or write quick notes in the margins summarizing each paragraph in five words or less.

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Part III: Cause and Effect

Foundations work includes two multiple-choice answers. These are included in each box below the summary of the correct answer.

Cause	Statement	Effect
The expansion of railroads allowed people to travel more easily. Foundations: A, B	People moved into Texas in large numbers after Reconstruction.	The population of Texas increased significantly from 800,000 in 1870 to 3 million in 1900. Foundations: A, B
This was an era of rapid industrialization which meant increased manufacturing. Foundations: B, C	More railroads were built in Texas throughout the era.	People could travel more easily to Texas and within Texas into cities and toward the western frontier.
Professional bison hunters overhunted Plains buffalo, and more Anglo settlers moved into the region.	American Indians were forcefully removed from the Texas Plains.	The removal of Indian tribes opened the region to Anglo settlement and industry, including cattle drives and ranching. Foundations: A, C
The price of cotton dropped significantly, so farmers were paid less for their crops. Foundations: B, C	Cotton farmers in Texas and the nation struggled financially.	Struggling farmers and laborers organized the Grange, the Farmer's Alliance, and the Populist Party to support workers.

Exit Ticket

1. A, D, E