Warm-up: The Big Picture

Unit 10: Cotton, Cattle, & Railroads

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Directions: Circle or highlight each item in the answer bank that you think was true for Texas and the United States as we begin this unit. Choose **up to SIX** statements.

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.

The Big Picture *Exit Ticket*

1. Three defining characteristics of the age of Cotton, Cattle, and Railroads are . . .
   (Choose THREE correct responses.)
   a. … rapid industrialization of Texas and the nation, including the expansion of railroads and the cattle industry in Texas;
   b. … the efforts of the Texas government to maintain American Indian dominance of the Plains and protect the bison from overhunting;
   c. … the continued dominance of cotton over the Texas economy and the enormous wealth it brought to Texas cotton farmers during this time;
   d. … the rise in cattle drives and ranching in west Texas as a result of the abundance of cattle in the state and the forced removal of Texas Indian tribes from the Plains;
   e. … the efforts of struggling farmers and other workers to organize and affect change that benefits laborers across the country