

Preview of Cotton, Cattle, & Railroads *Video*

Unit 10: Cotton, Cattle, & Railroads

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Video Introduction

This video provides a brief introduction to the major themes and events of the Cotton, Cattle, & Railroads unit. Use this viewing guide to assess your understanding of the topics in the video.

Video Vocabulary

Directions: Before you begin the video, read the terms below to familiarize yourself with new vocabulary introduced in this video.

Term	Definition
Industry (<i>n</i>)	Processing raw materials into manufactured items.
Cattle Drive (<i>n</i>)	Moving cows over long distances to be sold.
Reservation (<i>n</i>)	An area of territory set aside by the U.S. government for American Indians.
Ranch (<i>n</i>)	A large agricultural operation where livestock are raised

Before You Watch

Read each statement below and predict whether you believe it to be true or false. After you watch, you will return to this portion to record your final answer.

Before you watch	After you watch	Major Questions Facing the United States
T / F	T / F	1. Westward expansion caused conflicts between Anglos migrating west and American Indian tribes of the Plains.
T / F	T / F	2. Conflicts occurred between cowboys who wanted to use the Plains to drive cattle, and ranchers who fenced off large portions of the Plains for their ranches.
T / F	T / F	3. Cotton farmers experienced significant success throughout the era as cotton prices rose and profits increased.
T / F	T / F	4. Struggling farmers formed organizations to try to gain government reform and assistance.

While You Watch

Use the space provided to take quick notes about each major topic below. Consider things like causes, effects, and key details of each topic.

Population Increase & Westward Migration	The Cattle Industry
Railroads	Farming & Cotton

One of the defining characteristics of the Cotton, Cattle, & Railroads era is _____

After You Watch

Return to the chart on the previous page to complete the second column labeled “After you watch.” Complete the “After you watch” True or False segment. Were your original answers correct? Did any answers surprise you