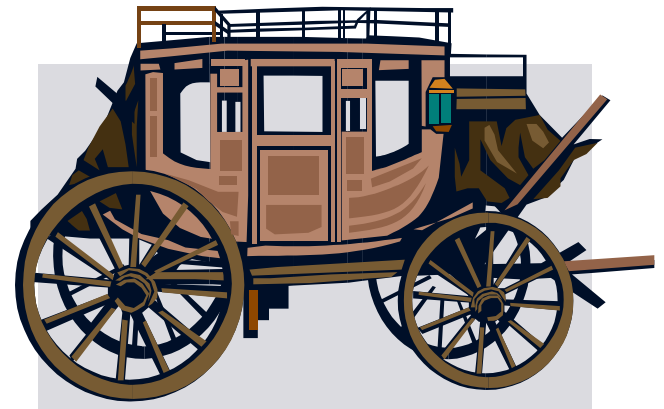


The Costs of Manifest Destiny



What is Manifest Destiny?

- * A belief that the United States had the right to rule the entire continent
- * Expansion of US power from the Atlantic to the Pacific: Isn't that (You know what to say 😊)
- * Examples
 - Texas
 - Mexican Cession
 - California Goldrush



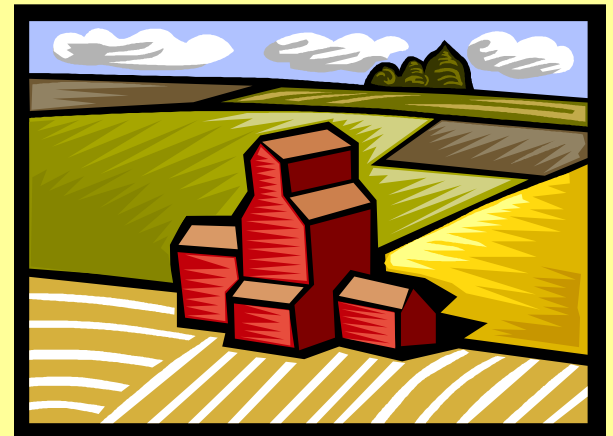
Lincoln's Manifest Destiny

* Homestead Act of 1862

- Incentive to settle the Great Plains area
- 160 acres of land for free!

If you agree to work the land for 5 years,
you get to own the land- no cost

Attracted Immigrants to the USA



“Go West Young Man, Go West!” Horace Greeley 1867



Trans-Continental Railroad



Completed at Promontory Point, Utah in 1869

Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads

Trans- Continental-

- * Definition- the **first coast to coast railroad network**

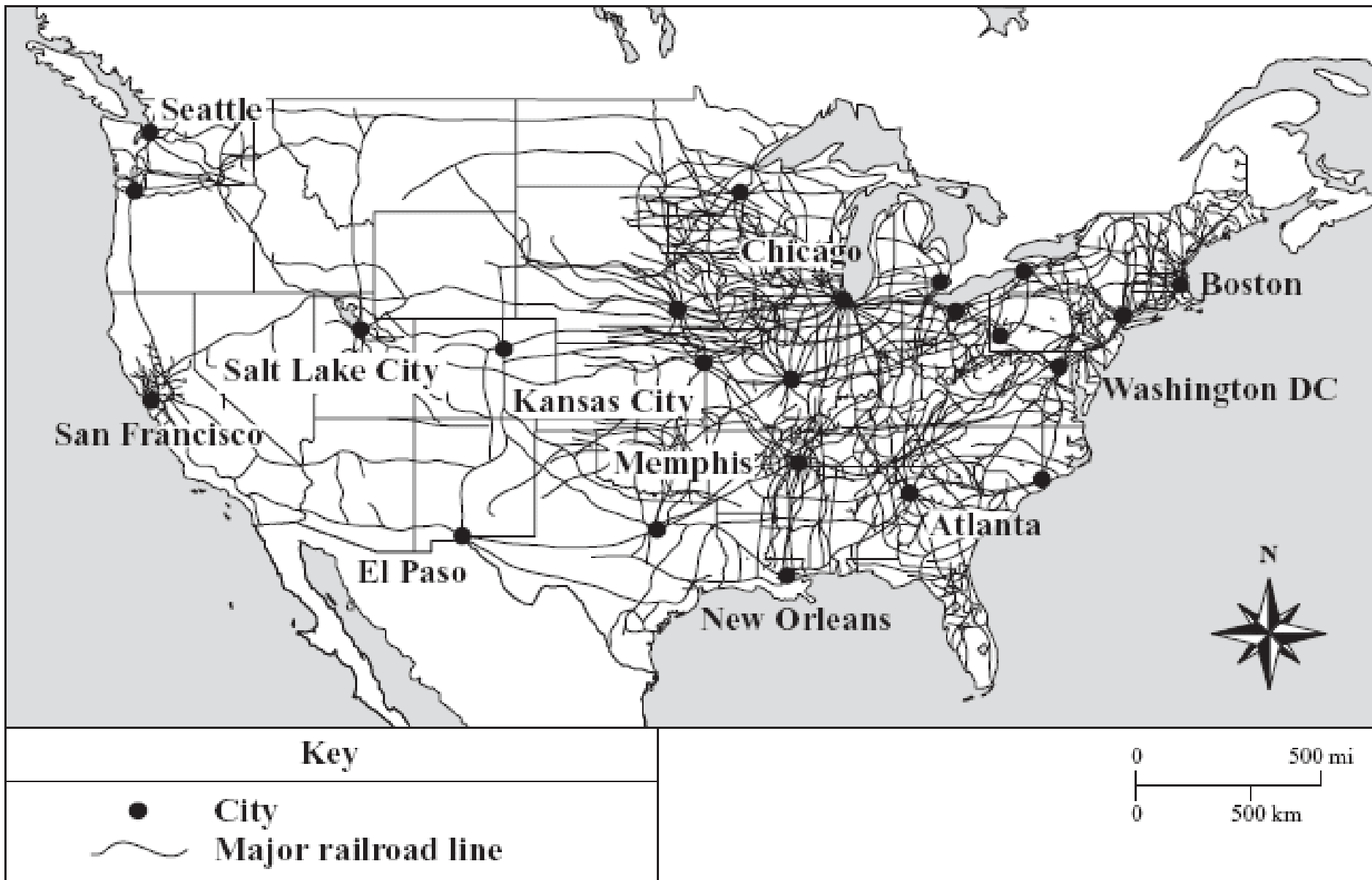
- * **Cut down travel** time from San Francisco to New York City from **4 months to 10 days**

Last stake made of **GOLD**

US Government helped finance through land grants-
Example- **Pacific Railway Act of 1862**

The Economic Impact of the Railroads

United States Railroad System, 1890



Positive Aspects of Expansion

- * Improved economic opportunities for average Americans



- * Increased wealth of United States



- * Allowed for technological advancements to occur

- * Helped the nation become larger in size, power and world prestige



Negative Impact of Expansion

A Closer Look at the “Dark Side”

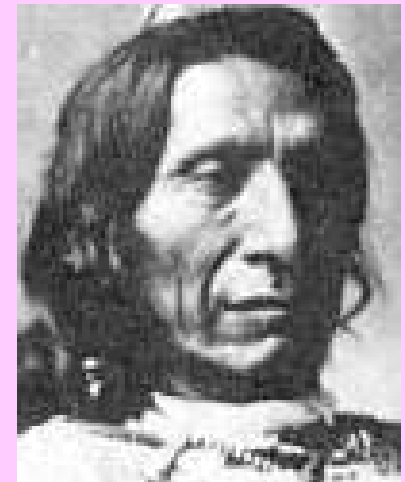


Treaties

* By 1800's, the US had created a legacy of broken treaties with the Iroquois, Cherokee, Nez Perces and many other nations.

* **Book- Century of Dishonor by Helen Hunt Jackson**

*Story of Red Cloud and the Treaty of Fort Laramie



Red Cloud

The Buffalo

* The buffalo were essential to the Indians of the Great Plains



* Native Americans used all parts of the buffalo- jewelry, hides, hoofs, rattles



Slaughter of Buffalo

- Buffalo slaughtered by the thousands
- Some buffalos shot from train- reductions given to ticket price
- 15 million buffalo in 1865....34 in 1903!
- 9 million buffalo slaughtered between 1872 and 1874

Wars

- Through a series of Indian Wars in the 1870's and ending at Wounded Knee in 1890, the West was won. But what was lost?

The Sioux

Black Hills, South Dakota

General Custer

Little Big Horn

Legend of Crazy Horse

The Apache

Last of the major Indian resistance

Geronimo's surrender in Arizona

Reservations

- * **The Dawes Act-** 1887

Creates Reservation System

The Americanization of the American Indian

A promise of ownership and citizenship after 25 years

A promise un-kept until the 1930s

- * Root of Native American Poverty- unfertile land, lack of job opportunity, land repossession by US Government

Points of Discussion

- How did the Government encourage Manifest Destiny?
- How did Westward expansion change American Society?
- Describe the impact Manifest Destiny had on the American Indian.
- What is the legacy of the American Indian in the United States?
- How did American Indians resist Manifest Destiny?