AMERICAN HISTORY

CHAPTER 5 READING

**Directions: Use pages 214 – 218 in order to complete the following. (Worth 15 Points)**

**Settlers Move Westward to Farm:**

1. How much land was given by the federal government to the railroads?

2. What two companies began to lay track to build a transcontinental railroad?

3. Who were 3 of the groups that worked on the railroad?

4. How many miles of track could be laid in 1868?

5. How much were railroad companies selling their land for?

6. How many acres of land could one get under the Homestead Act?

7. What percentage of the land actually was settled by families?

8. Why was more land needed for farming the farther west someone settled?

9. What was created in 1872?

**Settlers Meet the Challenges of the Plains:**

10. How did settlers make homes if there were no trees? Give two examples.

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11. Why did settlers have to be self-sufficient?

12. What were three things done by women during this time period?

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13. What were three improvements in technology that helped farmers?

14. What type of schools did the Morrill Act set up?

15. When might farmers be able to pay off their debts?