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# Settling on the Great Plains - Activity

## Part A. Build Vocabulary

exodusters:

speculators:

soddy:

bonanza farms:

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1. Private \_\_\_\_\_ often bought land under the Homestead Act and sold it to settlers at a large profit.

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2. African Americans who moved from the post-Reconstruction South to western states such as Kansas were called \_\_\_\_\_.

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3. In the 1870s, railroad companies and investors created \_\_\_\_\_, huge, single-crop spreads of thousands of acres.

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4. A \_\_\_\_\_ was a type of home built on the prairie from blocks of turf or sod.

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**Part B. Discussion**

| Cause  | Effect |
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| Land grants given to railroads                         |        |
| The Homestead Act and related laws passed in the 1870s |        |
| Inventions and improvements in farm technology         |        |
| The Morrill Land Grant Acts and Hatch Act              |        |