# The Age of the Railroads - Activity

### What?:

- The nation spanned by railroads

### When?:

- May 10, 1869

### Where?:

- Promontory, Utah

### Why?:

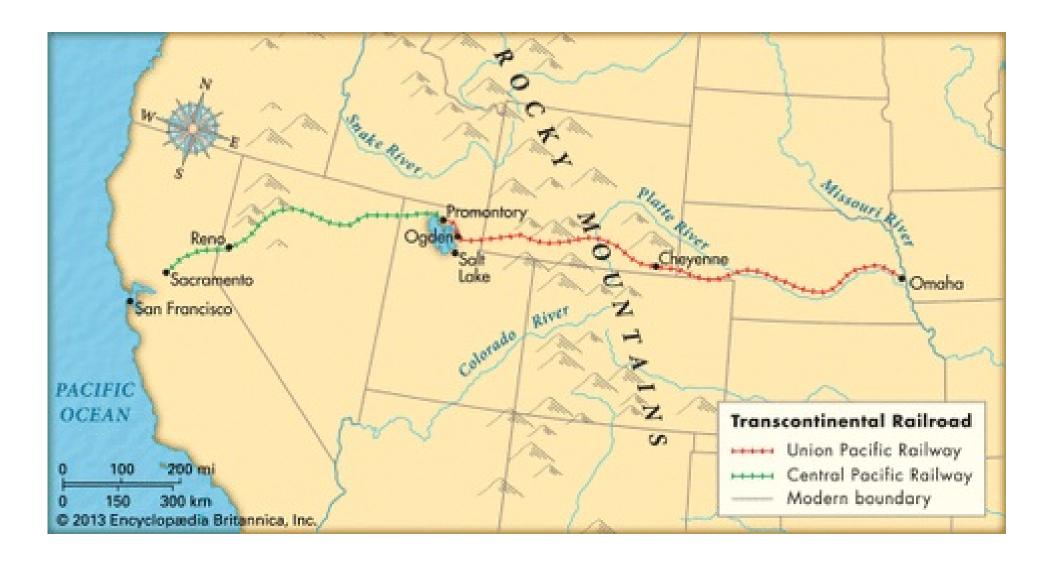
- To promote western expansion

#### How?:

- Railroads from the east and the west connect

#### Who?:

- Central Pacific Railroad, Union Pacific Railroad



## What problems did employees of the railroad companies face?

## attacked by Native Americans; suffered from disease and accidents

## What was it like to live as a Pullman employee in the town of Pullman?

lived in clean, well-built houses and had services such as doctors and shops, but lives controlled by company rules

# Who was involved in Crédit Mobilier? What was the purpose of this company?

Union Pacific stockholders and some Congressmen; to lay track at inflated costs so stockholders could make huge profits

# How did the railroad companies use their power to hurt farmers?

## abused federal land grants, fixed prices, and charged unfair rates

Why didn't the decision in the Munn v. Illinois case succeed in checking the Act limit the power of the railroads right power of the railroads?

### because the Supreme Court later ruled that states could not regulate interstate commerce

Why didn't the Interstate Commerce limit the power of the railroads right away?

## because of a long legal process and resistance from the railroads