

Western Migration Quiz (1810-1830)

Part I: Multiple Choice

1. What was a major reason people moved west between 1810 and 1830?
 - A. To find factory jobs
 - B. To obtain cheap land
 - C. To escape cold weather
 - D. To join the military
2. Which trail was most commonly used by early western settlers?
 - A. Oregon Trail
 - B. Santa Fe Trail
 - C. Wilderness Road
 - D. Appalachian Trail
3. Who helped open the Wilderness Road for settlers?
 - A. Daniel Boone
 - B. Andrew Jackson
 - C. Thomas Jefferson
 - D. John Adams
4. What river was especially important for transporting goods westward?
 - A. Hudson River
 - B. Mississippi River
 - C. Colorado River
 - D. Columbia River
5. The War of 1812 encouraged westward migration because:
 - A. It destroyed western lands
 - B. It made travel easier
 - C. It reduced Native American resistance
 - D. It increased taxes
6. What invention made river travel faster and easier?
 - A. Cotton gin
 - B. Steam engine
 - C. Steamboat
 - D. Telegraph
7. Which group was most negatively affected by westward expansion?
 - A. Factory workers
 - B. Immigrants
 - C. Native Americans
 - D. Merchants
8. What was one danger faced by settlers traveling west?
 - A. Traffic jams
 - B. Lack of internet
 - C. Disease and harsh weather
 - D. High rent prices

9. What type of land system encouraged people to move west?
- A. Free housing programs
 - B. Land grants and low-cost land sales
 - C. Industrial contracts
 - D. Military drafts
10. What was a common method of transportation for settlers?
- A. Airplanes
 - B. Covered wagons
 - C. Subways
 - D. Bicycles

Part II: True or False

Write (T) for True or (F) for False.

11. ____ Most western settlers moved for adventure only.
12. ____ Rivers were important transportation routes.
13. ____ Native Americans benefited from westward expansion.
14. ____ The steamboat improved travel on rivers.
15. ____ Western migration only happened after 1850.

Part III: Short Answer

16. Give one reason why settlers wanted to move west.
17. Name one challenge settlers faced during migration.
18. Explain how transportation improvements helped migration.