

Vocabulary

Directions Draw a line to connect each word on the left with its definition on the right.

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| 1. scrawled | not occupied |
| 2. independence | to spread over |
| 3. vacant | written or drawn poorly or carelessly |
| 4. overrun | of or about the management of the income, supplies, and expenses of a household, government, etc. |
| 5. economic | freedom from the control, influence, support, or help of others |

Check the Words You Know

- economic
- independence
- overrun
- scrawled
- vacant

Directions Choose the word from the box that best completes the sentences below. Write the word on the line.

6. You can find evidence of the Old West in the run-down, _____ old buildings that stand like ghosts in Colorado. 7. At one time these booming towns were _____ with prospectors. 8. The prospectors had come in search of gold and _____ freedom. 9. _____ on old walls and doors are the names and dates of particularly wealthy gold rushers. 10. Unfortunately, their financial success and _____, or freedom, was short-lived, as the gold boom busted within a few years.