



Chinese Immigration and Exclusion (8.12.7)

Background:

In the 1960s, railroad companies were given free land and lent money to build the transcontinental railroad. The building of the railroad depended on the labor of hundreds of thousands of workers. In the West, most of the people who built the railroad were Chinese.

Prompt:

What factors contributed to the Chinese Exclusion Act?

Task:

In a well thought out response:

- State a claim in response to the prompt, using the prompt as a sentence stem.
- Support your claim using at least three pieces of evidence from the documents.
 - Be sure to explain why the evidence you selected supports your claim.
- Research an additional piece of evidence and incorporate it into your argument.
- Incorporate an additional piece of evidence that argues against your claim.
 - Use this additional piece of evidence as the basis for a counterclaim