

Chapter 5 – Section 1

Moving west.

- 1. What were two reasons why Americans and European immigrants wanted to settle in the West?
- 2. Who owned most of the land?
- 3. What was the homestead act and how did it work?
- 4. What were four problems homesteaders faced?

- 5. What were three reasons many farmers gave up before their five years were over?
- 6. How did they collect water if their land claim wasn't near water?
- 7. What was "Prairie Fever?"
- 8. Why did men often spend months away from the homestead?

- 9. How did settlers rely on each other?
- 10. What did women do on the prairie?
- 11. Who were the exodusters?
- 12. What were three difficulties they faced?

- 13. Why was live on the prairie difficult for women?
- 14. What were squatters?
- 15. What were western women the first to do?

Homework

- Write a 1 page diary entry describing life on the prairie (include and *number* at least 5 facts from the section).