Exploration and Settlement

Grade 4 Social Studies Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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   Beaver furs were found there.

   Gold had been found there.

   A railroad had just opened there.

   Free farmland was given out there.

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3. The railroad is finished in 1869. Next, something happens. Then towns grow along the tracks. What happened in between?

   Wagon trains carried more people than trains.

   Gold was first found in California.

   Columbus reached the Caribbean.

   Moving people and goods west got faster.

4. Tobacco helped Jamestown survive. How?

   Colonists traded it for furs in France.

   It fed the colony's animals.

   Colonists sold it in England for money.

   It was used to build their houses.

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