Westward Expansion

Grade 5 Social Studies Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read each fact. Circle who it is about.

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   settlers Native nations the U.S. government

2. Faced new diseases brought by settlers.
   settlers Native nations the U.S. government

3. Set up territories that later became states.
   settlers Native nations the U.S. government

4. Passed the Homestead Act in 1862.
   settlers Native nations the U.S. government

5. Were forced to leave their homelands on the Trail of Tears.
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6. Included the Cherokee, Lakota, Nez Perce and many other nations.
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7. Dug for gold with pans and shovels.
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8. Joined wagon trains for safety.
   settlers Native nations the U.S. government

9. Had lived on the western lands for thousands of years.
   settlers Native nations the U.S. government

10. Fought to defend their homelands.
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