US History Name:

18.3 Farming and Populism

1. How did the Homestead Act and the Morrill Act open up the West?

2. What were some of the challenges of farming on the Plains?

3. Why did the Plains farmers give up on crops such as corn?

4. Who was Annie Bidwell?

5. How did the formation of communities help the settlers?

6. Why did farm incomes fall?

7. What is the National Grange?

8. Do you think the government should have regulated railroad rates to help farmers?

9. What were the Populist Party’s main issues?

10. To whom did the land claimed by homesteaders in the Oklahoma land rush previously belong?

11. Why do you think so many people rushed to Oklahoma to claim land?