

## Slavery and the West

**Directions** Circle the letter of the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

- Congress believed that the best way to travel to California was \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A** by covered wagon    **B** on a railroad    **C** by ship    **D** on foot
- Farmers and businesses in the East used \_\_\_\_\_ to move their goods.  
**A** railroads    **B** ships    **C** canals    **D** gravel roads
- People believed a railroad from coast to coast was necessary to \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A** allow the country to grow    **C** claim new territory  
**B** keep slavery from spreading    **D** help the people of California
- Southerners wanted to build a railroad \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A** from Chicago to the Oregon coast    **C** from New Orleans to San Diego  
**B** from St. Louis to California    **D** from Memphis to Los Angeles
- Northerners feared a southern route for a railroad because they thought \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A** Southerners would move west with their slaves    **C** Northern states needed the railroad to ship their produce  
**B** Southerners might stop them from using the railroad    **D** people from the West would move to the South
- Senator Stephen Douglas wanted to build a railroad \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A** from Chicago to Oregon    **C** from New Orleans or Memphis to San Diego  
**B** from St. Louis or Chicago to California    **D** from Nebraska to Los Angeles
- According to Douglas's plan, the railroad would pass through \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A** cities in the East    **B** Kansas    **C** the Southern states    **D** Nebraska
- Douglas wanted Kansas and Nebraska to become \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A** states    **B** territories    **C** slave states    **D** industrial states
- The Kansas-Nebraska Act allowed voters in territories to decide \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A** where a railroad would pass    **C** whether they would accept popular sovereignty  
**B** what their political party would be    **D** whether they would be a free or slave state
- The Kansas-Nebraska Act resulted in \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A** a final compromise on the slavery issue    **C** many conflicts between political parties  
**B** the establishment of slavery in those states    **D** a victory for the abolitionists