

Guided Reading

A. Analyzing Causes and Recognizing Effects As you read about life in the West in this section, supply the missing causes or effects.

Causes	Effects
	1. Western lawmakers give women more rights than women have in the East
2. Gold and silver strikes and the railroads bring people to the West.	
	3. Mexicanos in the southwest lose economic and political power.
4. The American people were fascinated with the West.	

B. Forming and Supporting Opinions On the back of this page, briefly explain why you think that the American people were so fascinated by the myth of the Old West.

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A. Drawing Conclusions As you read this section, take notes to answer questions about the conditions that made farming increasingly unprofitable.

In the late 1800s, farmers faced rising costs and falling crop prices.

1. Why had farming become unprofitable?	
2. Why did farmers support "free silver"?	

Farmers and farm organizations, such as the Grange, found support in the federal government and in populism and the Populist Party.

3. How did the federal government aid the farmers?	
4. What reforms did the Populist Party call for?	

In the 1896 election, William Jennings Bryan, the candidate supported by the Populist Party, lost to Republican candidate William McKinley.

5. What economic plan did Bryan support, and who voted for him?	
6. What economic plan did McKinley support, and who voted for him?	

B. Analyzing Points of View On the back of this paper, briefly explain Frederick Jackson Turner's theory about the frontier.