

**Vocabulary and Comprehension**  
*You may use your book to help you answer the questions below.*

## “Union Pacific Railroad Poster”

**A.** Write T or F next to each statement to tell if it is true or false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. According to the poster, much snow falls in central and eastern Nebraska.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Men who were soldiers in the Civil War are entitled to a hundred and sixty acres of land.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The Union Pacific Railroad Company doesn't want people to buy land in Nebraska.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The poster says that summers in Nebraska are cooler than summers in the South.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Only people born in the United States can settle on Union Pacific land.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The poster is an advertisement used by the company to sell land.

**B.** Answer each question below.

- 1. Do you think the poster gives an objective or a biased picture of the land and climate of Nebraska? Support your answer with examples from the poster.

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- 2. What reasons for settling in Nebraska would you find most persuasive? Explain why.

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# “Home, Sweet Soddie”

**A.** Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the Word Bank.

- 1. Many \_\_\_\_\_ who settled in Nebraska lived in sod houses.
- 2. Wood was hard to find. In fact, trees were \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. She gets up very early every morning, almost at \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. One of the \_\_\_\_\_, or disadvantages, of the sod house was that the dirt continually fell from the ceiling.
- 5. The rolling grasslands of the \_\_\_\_\_ stretched on for miles.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Word Bank</b></p> <p>as scarce as hen’s teeth drawbacks pioneers prairie the crack of dawn</p>
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**B.** Use two of the words or phrases from the Word Bank in a sentence.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**C.** Write T or F next to each statement to tell if it is true or false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. For farmers, constantly blue skies are a problem because their crops need rain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The phrase a “blizzard of grasshoppers” means some grasshoppers were made of snow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. “Home, Sweet Soddie” is an advertisement for the good life on the prairie.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Many pioneers built their homes far from other people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Life on the prairie involved a lot of hard work.

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**Additional Vocabulary Practice**  
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## “Too Soon a Woman”; “Union Pacific Railroad Poster”; “Home, Sweet Soddie”

**A.** Complete each sentence with a word from the Word Bank.

1. I’m hungry. Do we have any \_\_\_\_\_?
2. To keep the supplies dry, cover them with something that’s \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Many \_\_\_\_\_ found life on the prairie hard and lonely.
4. On the farm, they \_\_\_\_\_ pigs and cattle for food.
5. Pioneers would dig a \_\_\_\_\_ so they could have water.

<p><b>Word Bank</b>          butcher          grub          homesteaders          waterproof          well</p>
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**B.** Match words and definitions. Write the letter of the correct definition next to each word.

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| _____ 1. soil    | a. trees that can be cut for lumber   |
| _____ 2. timber  | b. pieces of ice that sometimes fall in a thunderstorm                          |
| _____ 3. acre    | c. tall, narrow, funnels of whirling wind                                       |
| _____ 4. sod     | d. something that causes illness or death if taken into the body                |
| _____ 5. poison  | e. top layer of grass, containing grass and its roots                           |
| _____ 6. crops   | f. plants grown on a farm, such as wheat, corn, or fruit                        |
| _____ 7. prairie | g. tiny, wingless, jumping insect that feeds on the blood of people and animals |
| _____ 8. flea    | h. large area of grassland  |
| _____ 9. tornado | i. dirt   |
| _____ 10. hail   | j. measure of land; one acre is equal to 43,560 square feet                     |