

Chapter 8, Section 1

Miners and Ranchers

(Pages 286–291)

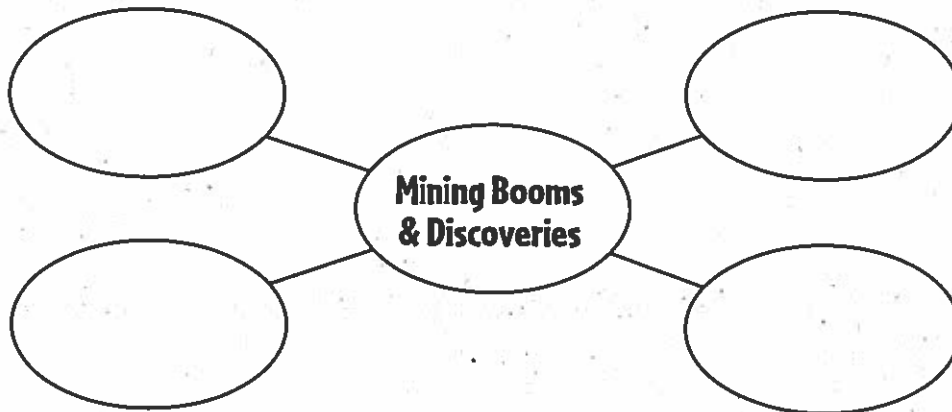
Reason To Read

Setting a Purpose for Reading Think about these questions as you read:

- How did the mining industry in the West grow?
- How did new technology change open-range ranching?

Main Idea

As you read pages 286–291 in your textbook, complete the graphic organizer below by listing the locations of mining booms and the discoveries made there.



Sequencing Events

As you read, place the following events on the time line below.

- Gold rush begins in Dakota Territory
- Railroads reach the Great Plains
- Gold discovered in Colorado
- Cattle drives begin on Chisholm Trail
- Blizzards devastate western ranches
- Comstock Lode discovered in Nevada



Growth of the Mining Industry (pages 286–288)

Determining the Main Idea

As you read, write down the main idea of the passage. Review your statement when you have finished reading and revise as needed.

Terms To Know

Define or describe the following key terms from this lesson.

placer mining

quartz mining

Academic Vocabulary

Define each of these two academic vocabulary words from this lesson.

prospect

extract

Terms To Review

Use each of these terms, which you studied earlier, in a sentence that reflects the term's meaning in this lesson.

transport
(Chapter 4, Section 3)

similar
(Chapter 5, Section 3)

Ranching and Cattle Drives (pages 288–291)

Synthesizing

Write a journal entry as if you were a cowboy in the late 1800s. How did your life change over the years? What problems did you encounter? Use three terms from the lesson in your entry.

Terms To Know

Define or describe the following key terms from this lesson.

open range

long drive

maverick

Section Wrap-up

Now that you have read the section, answer these questions from Setting a Purpose for Reading at the beginning of the section.

How did the mining industry in the West grow?

How did new technology change open-range ranching?
