

AP U.S. History
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Chapter 24 – Multiple Choice Worksheet

Make the best choice.

1. When private railroad promoters asked the U.S. government for subsidies to build their railroads, they gave all of the following reasons for their request except that it was
 - a) too risky without government help
 - b) too costly without government help
 - c) too costly to move people in some areas without government help
 - d) too unprofitable in some areas without government help
 - e) impossible to serve military and postal needs without government help

2. During the Gilded Age, most of the railroad barons
 - a) rejected government assistance
 - b) built their railroads with government assistance
 - c) relied exclusively on Chinese labor
 - d) refused to get involved in politics
 - e) focused on public service

3. The national government helped to finance transcontinental railroad construction in the late nineteenth century by providing railroad corporations with
 - a) cash grants from new taxes
 - b) land grants
 - c) cash grants from higher tariffs
 - d) reduced prices for iron and steel
 - e) aid for construction of railroad stations

4. Match each railroad company below with the correct entrepreneur.

A. James J. Hill	1. Central Pacific
B. Cornelius Vanderbilt	2. New York Central
C. Leland Stanford	3. Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe
	4. Great Northern

 - a) A-4, B-2, C-1
 - b) A-3, B-4, C-2
 - c) A-2, B-1, C-3
 - d) A-4, B-3, C-1
 - e) A-1, B-3, C-4

5. The only transcontinental railroad built without government aid was the
 - a) New York Central
 - b) Northern Pacific
 - c) Union Pacific
 - d) Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe
 - e) Great Northern