

CHAPTER
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GUIDED READING *Settling on the Great Plains*

Section 2

A. As you read this section, note how each of the factors listed below (Causes) helped to settle the West and turned the eastern Great Plains into the nation’s “breadbasket” (Effects).

Causes	Effects
1. Land grants given to the railroads	
2. The Homestead Act and related laws passed in the 1870s	
3. Inventions and improvements in farm technology	
4. The Morrill Land Grant Acts and Hatch Act	

B. What were some hardships faced by frontier farmers? (Note: one hardship per box)

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C. On the back of this paper, explain **homesteader**, **soddy**, and **bonanza farm**.