

★ **Guided Reading Activity 11-1**

DIRECTIONS: Filling in the Blanks In the space provided, write the word or words that best complete the sentence. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

1. _____ staked a claim in Six-Mile Canyon that turned out to be nearly pure silver ore.
2. Almost overnight Virginia City, Nevada, went from a town of _____ people to almost _____ people.
3. When law enforcers were scarce, self-appointed volunteers sometimes formed _____ to track down and punish wrongdoers.
4. In mining, the cycle of _____ was repeated throughout the West.
5. In addition to Nevada, mining also spurred the development of _____, _____, the _____, and _____.
6. One of the richest strikes occurred in the late 1870s in _____, one of the most famous boomtowns of the frontier.
7. _____ was a process that used simple equipment such as picks and pans.
8. _____ was a process that removed large quantities of earth.
9. Some settlers began raising cattle on the _____ after the Civil War.
10. Cattle from the East could not survive on tough prairie grasses, but the _____ could survive in the harsh climate.
11. Cattle ranching grew in part because of the vast areas of grassland owned by the _____.
12. The _____ covered much of the Great Plains and provided land where cattle ranchers could graze their herds free of charge.
13. In 1866 ranchers drove about 260,000 cattle to _____, where they sold the cattle for _____ more than they could get in Texas.
14. Between 1867 and 1871, cowboys drove nearly _____ head of cattle up the _____.
15. _____ taught American cowhands their trade and enriched the English language with words of Spanish origin.
16. _____ were the majority of the population in New Mexico.
17. Spanish-speaking immigrants to Southwestern cities settled in neighborhoods called _____.