Time

1855 — 1865

1860 Pony Express service begins

Reading Social Studies

A **conclusion** is a decision or an idea reached by using what you read and what you already know about a subject.

Focus Skill Draw Conclusions

Complete this graphic organizer to show your understanding of the importance of the growing links between California and the rest of the United States in the late 1800s. A copy of this graphic organizer appears on page 82 of the Homework and Practice Book.

Transportation and Communication

Evidence

A telegraph line linking California to the East Coast was finished in 1861.

Knowledge

Improved communication makes it easier to exchange ideas.

Conclusion

California Writing Prompts

Write a Summary Imagine your job is to hire new riders for the Pony Express. Write an ad that summarizes the tasks involved as well as the skills and personal qualities a successful rider needs.

Write a Report Imagine that you are a news reporter covering the conflict at Mussel Slough between farmers and the railroad. Write an article about what happened, explaining the reasons behind the conflict.

1875 | 1885 | 1895

1869
The transcontinental railroad is completed

1880
Fighting at Mussel Slough takes place

Use Vocabulary

Identify the term that correctly matches each definition.

telegraph, p. 282
competition, p. 296
export, p. 301
canal, p. 305

1. a contest
2. a device that uses electricity to send messages over wires
3. a waterway dug across land
4. to send goods to another country in order to sell them to people there

Use the Time Line

ANALYSIS SKILL **Use the summary time line above to answer the question.**

5. How many years after the transcontinental railroad was completed did fighting at Mussel Slough take place?

Apply Skills

ANALYSIS SKILL **Read a Time Zone Map** Use the time zone map on page 299 to answer these questions.

6. In which time zone is San Francisco?
7. If it is noon in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, what time is it in Seattle, Washington?
8. Is Central time one hour earlier or one hour later than Mountain time?

Recall Facts

Answer these questions.

9. How did the Western Union Telegraph Company affect Pony Express service?
10. What role did Theodore Judah play in the building of the transcontinental railroad?
11. Who were the Big Four? How did they contribute to the growth of California?

Write the letter of the best choice.

12. Who was John Bidwell?
    - **A** a successful farmer
    - **B** a famous engineer
    - **C** an Irish railroad worker
    - **D** a Pony Express rider
13. What new crop did people start growing in Riverside, California, in 1873?
    - **A** wheat
    - **B** barley
    - **C** navel oranges
    - **D** asparagus

Think Critically

14. ANALYSIS SKILL What effects did the transcontinental railroad have on California's economy?
15. ANALYSIS SKILL How have transportation and communication in California changed since the late 1800s? In what ways are they still the same?