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YOUR MISSION: TO CONNECT PEOPLE AND PLACES

1. Between 1880 and 1890, Tacoma’s population skyrocketed from _______ to _______. Within that same decade, Spokane went from ______ to _______ people. Why?

2. What two events caused a population explosion in Seattle during the 1890s?

3. You are one of a thousand manual laborers imported to lay tracks across the Cascades. Where do you come from? Why? What is the time period?

4. You are an Italian man traveling to Washington in an immigrant car. What kind of work have you done? What does your Swedish companion hope to get in Washington?

5. You are a miner in search of gold. What two Washington cities are your supply centers? Name the city, the corresponding years, and your mining destination.

6. Mark Olympia, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Yakima, Everett, and Walla Walla on the map. Put a * next to the towns that became stops on the NPR line.

FINAL PROJECT:
Read the letter from Harvey Condon to his wife, Em. Research life during the Yukon Gold Rush then write a letter home to your family relaying the hardships and highlights of your days on the claim. To get another feel for the hardships of life in the Yukon, read “To Build a Fire” by Jack London.

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