**GUIDED READING EXERCISE**

**Chapter 15—The West, 1865-1896**

* **What were the most significant changes in American westward expansion after the Civil War?**

***Download and save this document so you can return to it to take notes and later use it for studying.*** *As you read the chapter, fill in the chart below to remind yourself how expansion after the Civil War affected different aspects of American society. If you copy and paste from the text, make sure you place quotation marks around the copied material; if you are able to describe the changes in your own words, however, you should do so.*

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|  | **Changes** | **Specific examples** |
| National infrastructure |  |  |
| Indian civilizations |  |  |
| Indian policy |  |  |
| Mining and lumber industries |  |  |
| Cattle industry and commercial farming |  |  |
| Religion |  |  |
| Immigration |  |  |

*After you have read the chapter, use your notes to compose an essay that answers the question:*

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*Be sure to include an opening, introductory paragraph in which you state your thesis. Then use the body of your essay to provide evidence from the chapter to support that thesis. End by writing a clear conclusion to your essay.*