**Chapter 17**

**STEP 4**

**PUT IT ALL TOGETHER**

Now, take a step back and try to explain the big picture. Remember to use specific examples from the chapter in your answers.

**NATIVE AMERICANS**

* How did American Indians respond to the flood of westward migration after the Civil War?
* How did American Indians respond to changes in federal Indian policy between 1865 and 1900?

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION IN THE WEST**

* Why was mining so important in the economy and society of the West and of the nation?
* What role did the railroad play in the development of the West?

**THE WEST AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY**

* What was the impetus for and impact of the Chinese Exclusion Act?
* How did racial and ethnic prejudice affect relations among westerners?

**LOOKING BACKWARD, LOOKING AHEAD**

* How did western expansion before the Civil War differ from western expansion after the Civil War?
* What new political and economic issues and tensions did American expansion raise?
* How did American lives and livelihoods change as a result of migration to the West?