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Westward Steps

Directions: Read the events below. Number them from 1-5 to show the correct order in which they happened in U.S. history. Think about how the frontier changed over time.

- A. Many settlers journey across the Oregon Trail, traveling west for new land and adventure.
- B. The Homestead Act offers free land to settlers willing to live and farm in the West.
- C. James Marshall discovers gold in California, sparking the Gold Rush.
- D. Cowboys lead long cattle drives north to railroads to sell beef across the country.
- E. The transcontinental railroad is completed, connecting the East and West coasts.

Write your sequence below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Then answer: Which event do you think had the biggest impact on westward expansion? Why? Write two sentences using information from the events above:
