**Railroad Essay Outline**

**Historical Context:**

Extensive railroad construction in the 1800s transformed the United States by linking sections of the nation. This transformation had both positive and negative effects.

**Task:** Using information from the documents and your knowledge of United States history, write an essay in which you:

* Discuss the positive and negative effects of railroads in the United States during the 1800s
* Explain how railroads played a role in the development of the nation

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| **Positive Effects** | **Negative Effects** | **Railroads and Development** |
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