

Chinese
Immigration and
Exclusion Act
Notes

- ❖ During the Civil War, the North passed laws that helped industry (because the Southern representatives couldn't block them).
- ❖ Congress passed the Pacific Railway Act of 1863: the government would give the RR companies free land and loan them money to build the transcontinental railroad.

- ❖ Afterwards , the RR companies were supposed to sell the land on both sides of the track and pay the government back, but that never happened.
- ❖ Two companies competed to get the most land and the most money: Union Pacific (laid tracks fro East to West) and the Central Pacific laid tracks from West to East.

- ❖ On May 10, 1869 they met in Promontory Point Utah, marking the completion of the transcontinental railroad.
- ❖ Most of the people who built the Central Pacific Railroad were Chinese.