

Student Cause and Effect Reading

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Changes in the Salinas Economy

Question: How did the railroad change the economy of the Salinas community?

The railroad came to Salinas around 1872. So this meant that farmers could grow large amounts of wheat and barley and ship them farther and faster to new markets. Later, farmers developed ways to irrigate (water) crops, so they were able to raise sugar beets. They chose to raise sugar beets because they could ship sugar beets by railroad and sell them at a good price to a sugar beet factory nearby.

Then the railroad companies designed refrigerated cars with ice, so farmers began to ship vegetables to many places farther away. Farmers shipped huge amounts of vegetables, especially lettuce, because the refrigeration kept the vegetables fresh. So then Salinas became known as “The Salad Bowl of the Nation”. In conclusion, these changes meant that Salinas’ farmers were now growing new kinds of crops, shipping them farther, and making more money. Thus, Salinas became a very important supplier of vegetables for the nation.

STUDENT CHART FOR CAUSE AND EFFECT READING**Changes in the Salinas Economy: Understanding a cause and effect reading**

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(effect)
_____. With irrigation farmers could now grow _____.
(effect) (effect)

These could then be shipped by _____ to a nearby sugar beet factory and sold _____.
_____. With the refrigerated railroad cars, farmers could ship _____.
(effect)

_____. When they started shipping large amounts of
(effect)

lettuce, Salinas became _____. So in
(effect)

conclusion, these changes meant that Salinas' farmers were now growing _____,
(effect)

shipping _____, and making _____.
(effect) (effect)

Thus, Salinas became a very important _____ for the nation.
(effect)

TEACHER KEY: Student Reading

Effect is underlined, cause is bolded

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