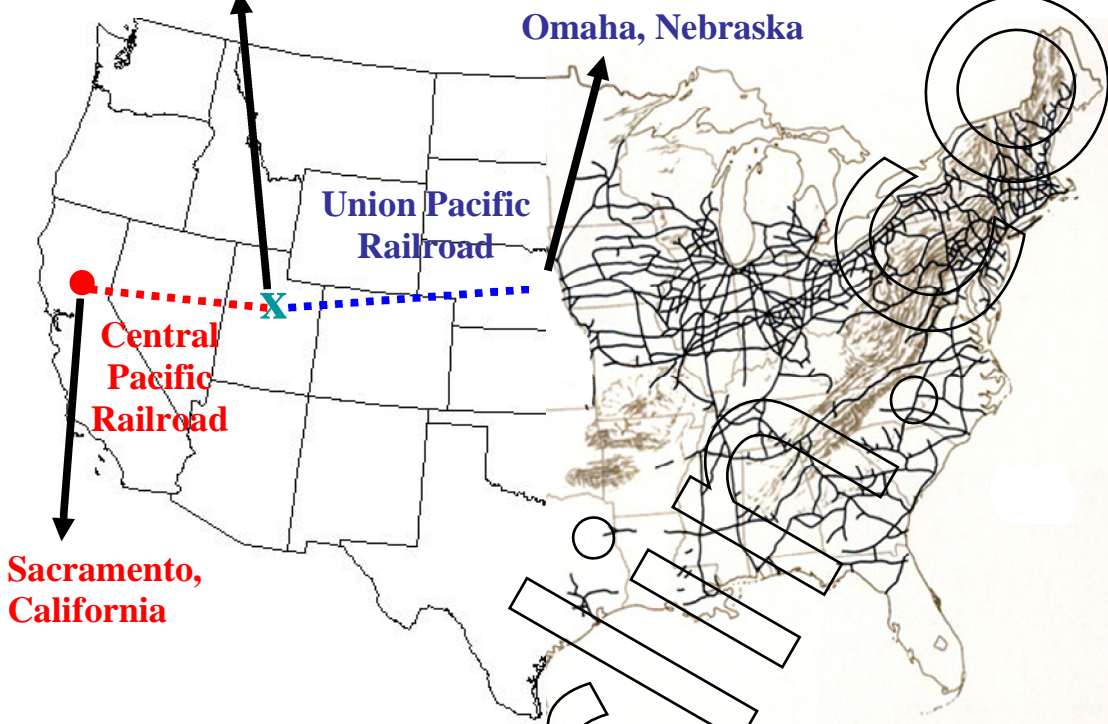


The Transcontinental Railroad

- Railroad companies raced to lay tracks to the mines in order to supply the miners.
- In 1863, two companies, the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific, began building the first transcontinental railroad.

Promontory Point, Utah



Immigrant Workers

- Labor was scarce due to the hard, dangerous work and low pay.
- Therefore, immigrant labor was used.
- The workers endured scorching deserts, blinding snowstorms, and blasted through mountains.
- On May 10, 1869, a golden spike was hammered into a track joining the two tracks in Promontory Point, UT.

