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Westward Expansion: Building the Transcontinental Railroad Take II

History has been shaped and molded by many individuals. These people represent important influences which have affected the American landscape in obvious and underlying ways. Have you ever considered how the United States may have been drastically different if someone hadn't been involved in a business deal? ...or if an individual hadn't been elected?

Your assignment is to consider how American history would have turned out differently if your assigned person hadn't existed. It will be as if they weren't influential, elected, or successful; essentially they are erased from American history.

Please respond to the following questions:

1. What impact did your person have an American history? (Please address this question in 6-8 sentences)

2. Based on what you know about their contribution to American history, how do you think things would have changed? What would be different? (Please address this question in 6-8 sentences)

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