American Studies

Short Answer Questions – practice

*These are truly short answers – 4-5 sentences. They may sound repetitious, which is OK.*

1. Explain why carpetbaggers would have supported the Reconstruction Act of 1867.

* Restate the prompt as a topic sentence. **(Carpetbaggers would have supported the Reconstruction Act.)**
* Explain what a carpetbagger was. **(Carpetbaggers were Northerners who…)**
* Explain what the Reconstruction Act did. **(The Reconstruction Act protected freedmen by…)**
* Explain, therefore, why carpetbaggers would have supported the Reconstruction Act. **(Carpetbaggers would have supported the Reconstruction Act because…)**

1. Explain why the Redeemer governments would have opposed the Enforcement Acts.

* Restate the prompt as a topic sentence.
* Explain what the Redeemer governments were.
* Explain what the Enforcement Acts did.
* Explain why, therefore, the Redeemer governments would have opposed the Enforcement Acts.

1. Why would homesteaders have supported the construction of the transcontinental railroad?

* Restate the prompt as a topic sentence.
* Explain who the homesteaders were – what did they do, where did they settle?
* Explain what the transcontinental railroad did.
* Explain how the transcontinental railroad benefitted homesteaders.

4)Why would Native Americans have opposed the construction of the transcontinental railroad?

* Restate the prompt as a topic sentence.
* Explain what the transcontinental railroad did, including how it brought more white settlers to the West.
* Explain the impact that the increasing number of white settlers had on the resources needed by the Native Americans.
* Explain why, therefore, Native Americans would have opposed the construction of the transcontinental railroad.