

Video Notes – *Trans-Siberian Railroad*

Name _____

1. Why did Russia need to build the railroad? Give multiple reasons.
2. To what was Alexander III's rule dedicated? How was this brought about?
3. Prior to the railroad, who lived in Siberia?
4. Why was building the railroad challenging? Give multiple reasons.
5. List the negative outcomes of the building of the railroad.
6. Describe some of the cost-saving techniques.
7. What problems were encountered in building a work force?
8. What errors were made by the engineers?

9. Describe the problems caused by floods.
10. How did engineers plan to use the Arctic Sea? Why did that plan fail?
11. What relatively “modern” technologies were lacking?
12. How did Alexander III die? Why was this ironic?
13. How fast would the trains travel? How long would they take to cross the continent?
14. What was the “train ferry”? What lake did it cross? What special technologies did it have? How long did *The Baikal* last?
15. What was the alternative to the train ferry?
16. Who was the czar when the railroad was completed?
17. What country attacked the railroad?
18. What does the phrase “First Rate, Third Rate, Railroad” mean?
19. What weaknesses were exposed during the war?
20. Do you agree that the railroad fulfilled its promise? Why or why not?