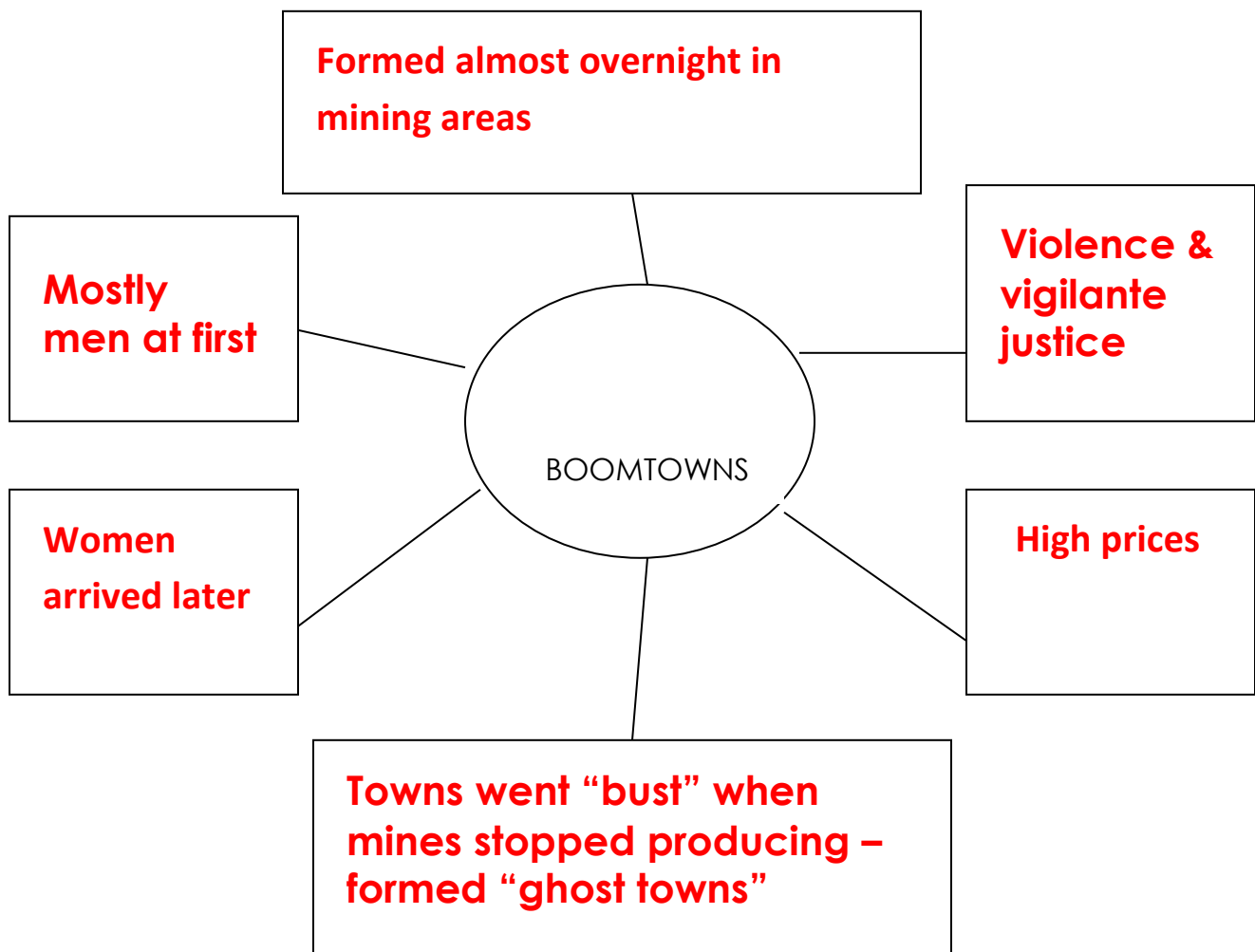


## Notes 15.1

Pike's Peak	<b>Discovery of gold on this mountain led to gold rush in Colorado</b>
Comstock Lode	<b>Large silver mine in Nevada</b>
Promontory Summit	<b>Place in Utah where Transcontinental Railroad was connected</b>



## Notes 15.1



## CATTLE RANCHING

**Open Range Ranching** – cattle roam free; brands used to identify cattle

**Cow Towns**- towns that were distribution points for cattle shipping

**Long Drive** – cowboys herded cattle to cow towns like Abilene and Dodge City to ship to eastern markets

### END OF CATTLE KINGDOM –

- \* hard winter killed many cattle
- \*overgrazing depleted grasslands
- \*surplus o beef caused price to fall
- \* Barbed wire fencing

### FARMERS TAKE OVER

**Homestead Act** – **Pres. Lincoln**

- \* get 162 acres for small fee
- \*need to live there for 5 years

### Problems

- \* rain
- \*drought (no rain)
- \*fire
- \*locusts

### New Methods

- \*sodbusters – had to use steel plows to break tough ground
- \*dry farming – deep planting to get most moisture from soil
- \* irrigation – windmills to pump water