Westward Bound

Reading Tip: As you read the section, write down the five most important points of the reading. Review your list against the text to make any revisions. Then summarize each point to use as a study guide.

Outlining  DIRECTIONS: As you read the section complete the outline below.

I. Moving West
   A. The first _____________ in 1790 determined that the nation had a population of almost 4 million people.
   B. Travelers paid fees to travel on toll roads called _________________.
   C. Congress approved the building of a(n) ________________ to the West.
   D. River travel westward was not easy because most rivers in the eastern region flowed ________________ to ________________.
   E. The problem of traveling upstream against a current was addressed by ________________ with powerful engines.

II. Canals
   A. ________________ led officials in developing the plan to link New York City with the Great Lakes.
   B. The ________________ connected Albany and Buffalo.
   C. Boats were raised and lowered in canals by means of ________________.

III. Western Settlement
   A. Waves in the movement westward resulted in the admission of new ________________ to the nation.
   B. Pioneers typically settled in communities along major ________________.
Independence for Texas

**Reading Tip:** Make a list of questions that you have about this section that you do not understand. Present these questions to your teacher and to the class for help.

**Outlining DIRECTIONS:** Read the section and complete the outline below.

I. A Clash of Cultures
   A. Most of the residents in Texas were Mexicans called ________________.
   B. ________________ obtained land grants in Texas and recruited settlers.
   C. ________________ organized a colony in Texas and became a leader among American settlers there.
   D. Mexico discouraged trade between Texas and the United States through a(n) ________________ on imported goods.
   E. ________________ declared himself dictator of Mexico.

II. The Struggle for Independence
   A. Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie, and William B. Travis led a small group of Americans who were defeated by Mexicans at the ________________.
   B. Texas settlers declared independence in 1836 and established a(n) ________________.
   C. ________________ was named commander in chief of the Texas forces.
   D. Texans who had surrendered were executed on Santa Anna’s orders at the “______________ Massacre.”
   E. The Texans soundly defeated the Mexicans under Santa Anna at the battle of ________________.
   F. A Texas delegation asked the United States to ________________ Texas.
   G. During the 1844 presidential campaign, the winning candidate, ________________, supported Texas statehood.
Reading for Accuracy  DIRECTIONS: Use your textbook to decide if a statement is true or false. Write T or F in the blank. If a statement is false, rewrite it to make it true.

1. Because gold was discovered in California in 1848, people who went there to seek gold were called forty-eighers.

2. New communities called boomtowns sprang up almost overnight.

3. Most miners found gold and achieved lasting wealth.

4. Because mining towns were typically lawless, citizens formed groups called vigilantes to protect themselves.

5. California’s constitution permitted slavery.

6. The founder of the Mormon Church was Brigham Young.

7. Joseph Smith wanted to build an ideal society where property would be held in common.

8. The destination of the Mormon migration westward was the Great Salt Lake.