The Homestead Act

Answer the following questions. You will use these to complete your projects.

1. What was the Homestead Act of 1862? What did it promise people willing to move west?
2. What were the requirements a person had to pass to be eligible to be a homesteader?
3. Who were the sooners and what did they do?
4. How long did a person have to live on the land before it would become their own?
5. What opportunities did it give the settlers?
6. Why did people from the North want small farmers to develop the land rather than plantation owners from the South?
7. Why did this act not successful with many farmers and laborers?
8. What were the benefits of homesteading?
9. What were the problems caused by homesteading?