

18.1 The Mining Booms (pp. 528-533)

READING CHECKS: Answer each question as you read the text.

- What was the Comstock Lode?
- Why did many boomtowns turn into ghost towns?
- To what California city did the transcontinental railroad extend?

KEY TERMS: Define each term's meaning or significance in terms of the text.

- lode
- ore
- vigilante
- ghost town
- subsidy
- transcontinental