

## 18.1 The Mining Booms (528-533)

**Section Outline:** Complete the section outline as you read. Remember that an outline contains the most important facts from a reading, and is not usually written in complete sentences. An outline can be a way of creating organized notes.

- Mining Is Big Business
  - The Comstock Lode
- The Mining Frontier
  - Women in the Boomtowns
  - Boom and Bust
  - Mining Expands
  - New States Enter the Union
- Railroads Connect East and West
  - Government and the Railroads
  - Spanning the Continent
  - The Transcontinental Railway
  - Effects of the Railroads