

Transcontinental Railroad

DIGITAL NOTEBOOK

Click on the activity below to be taken to that slide.

**TRUE OR
FALSE**

Q & A

**JIGSAW
PUZZLE**

**FILL IN
THE BLANK**

**VOCAB
WORDS**

RESEARCH

**SHORT
RESPONSE**

**MAZE
PHRASE**



TRUE OR FALSE



Directions: Drag the answers into the correct area based on the statement.

TRUE

The government gave millions of dollars in grants and millions of acres of land to build the railroad.

FALSE

The Union Pacific didn't begin laying track until July of 1865 due to financial issues and the French and Indian War.

FALSE



QUESTIONS



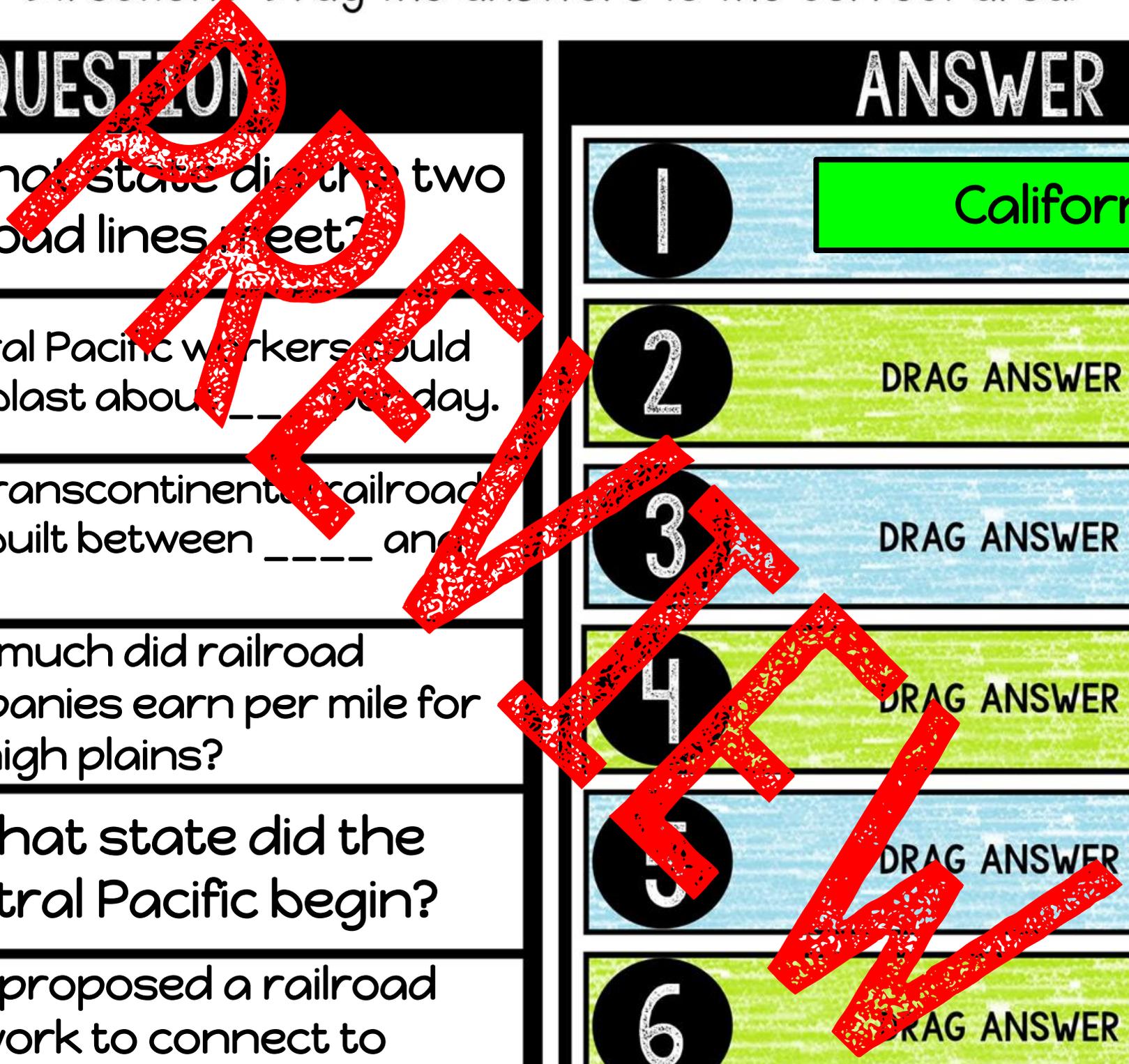
Directions: Drag the answers to the correct area.

QUESTION

- 1 In what state did the two railroad lines meet?
- 2 Central Pacific workers could only blast about _____ per day.
- 3 The transcontinental railroad was built between _____ and 1869.
- 4 How much did railroad companies earn per mile for the high plains?
- 5 In what state did the Central Pacific begin?
- 6 Who proposed a railroad network to connect to California?

ANSWER

- 1 **California**
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- 6 DRAG ANSWER HERE





JIGSAW PUZZLE



Directions: Drag and arrange the puzzle pieces to form a picture.

THE FIRST FEW PIECES HAVE ALREADY BEEN PLACED FOR YOU. PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THEM.





FILL IN THE BLANK



Directions: Drag the correct word to complete the sentence.

President Abraham Lincoln proposed a railroad network to connect California. He signed the Pacific Railroad Act into law in _____. Travel in the mid-1800s meant long, stressful, and _____ trips. This could take months. Wagons, train, stagecoach, and _____ foot were the most common ways of traveling. The _____ Express was a mail delivery system between Missouri and California. It proved that travel to the _____ coast could happen. Riders would _____ a team carrying the mail across the country. The Pony Express only lasted for _____ months. There was no more need because of _____ the transcontinental railroad. Transcontinental means going across a _____. The transcontinental railroad made a pathway connecting the east and west side of the _____. There were already some railroads, but they didn't connect across the country or to each _____.

WORD BANK

United States

expensive

other

west

18

Pony

continent

1862



VOCABULARY



Directions: Drag the correct word to match the definition.

DEFINITION

1 People who move to live in a new area

2 Going across a continent

3 Given approval

4 Took apart

5 Person who designs and supervises construction

6 Workers

WORD

1 Settlers

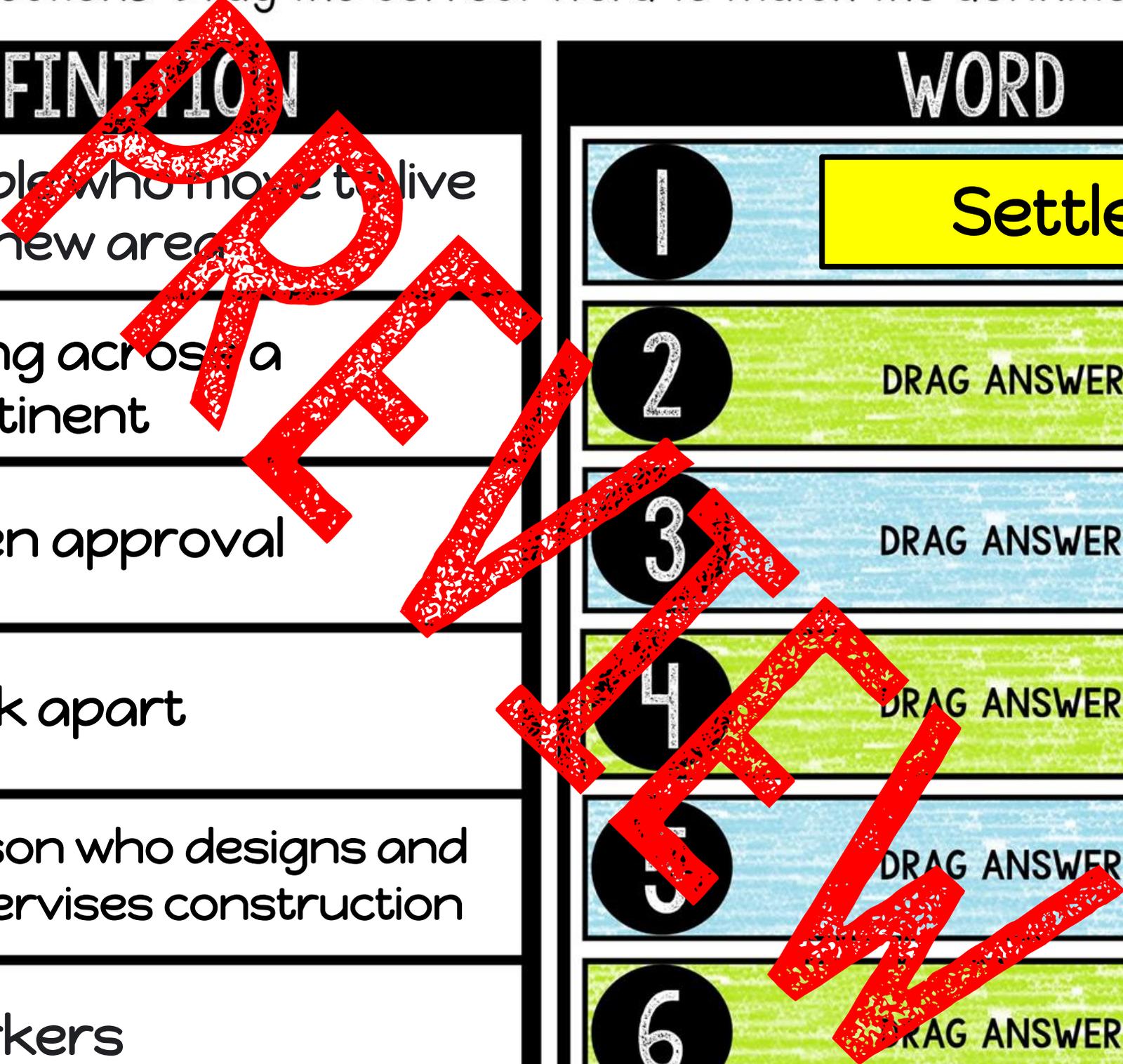
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RESEARCH



Directions: Research the keywords below related to the Transcontinental Railroad and write at least three facts about them.

**PACIFIC
RAILROAD ACT**

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**THEODORE
JUDAH**

**ABRAHAM
LINCOLN**

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photo
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PROFESSOR



TYPE YOUR ANSWER



Directions: Type your answer below each question.

1

What challenges from physical geography did the companies face while building a transcontinental?

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2

Why did railroad companies encourage settlers to settle in Nebraska?

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3

Why did the federal government want to create a transportation system to connect the east coast and the west coast?

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4

Do you think different regions of the country had different views concerning the building of railroads? Explain your answer.

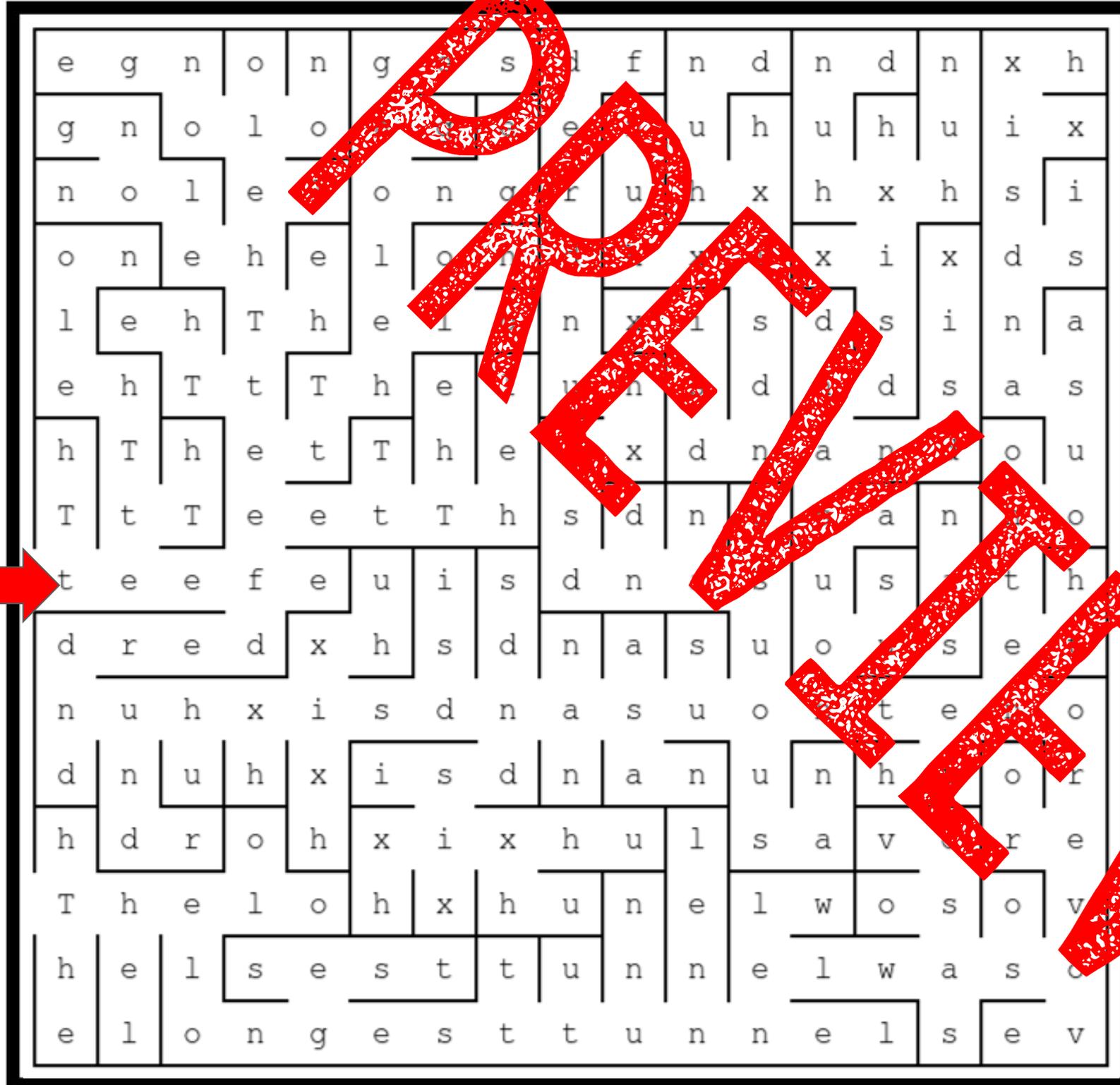
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MAZE



Directions: Type the phrase found in the maze.



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