

TEACHERS

Welcome to the California State Railroad Museum.
This Scavenger Hunt was created for use by you and your students. Please feel free to make as many copies of this scavenger hunt as you wish.

Fold the paper in half and have the students search for the answer within our museum. All answers are found on the first floor.

Have fun!

Sincerely
CSRМ Staff

For students grades 6-8



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1. Who was the chief surveyor that planned the route through the Sierra Nevada Mountains that dreamed of a Transcontinental Railroad?

Theodore Judah

2. Who were the “Big Four” that were instrumental in the building of the Central Pacific Railroad?

- a). Charles Crocker
- b). Collis Potter Huntington
- c). Leland Stanford
- d). Mark Hopkins

3. Which ethnic group helped the most in the building of the Central Pacific Railroad?

Chinese

4. When and where was the ceremony for the completion of the Pacific Railroad?

May 10, 1869 Promontory Summit, Utah

5. V&T passenger car 16 was in regular service for how many years? Include time at New York World’s Fair and Chicago Railroad Fair.

68 years

6. What effect did the refrigerator car have on agriculture in the United States?

It allowed transport of fresh fruits and vegetables across the country without rotting.

7. What are shortline railroads? (Ask a docent)

Smaller railroads that helped move goods and people to rural areas that larger railroads did not cover.

8. Which Governor was entertained aboard the “Gold Coast” in 1970?

Ronald Reagan

9. What was special about the sleeping car “St. Hyacinthe?”

Pullman cars offered comfortable overnight travel during longer trips.

10. What was the “Cochiti” used for?

It was dining car for passengers to eat meals while they traveled.

11. List 3 types of China that are displayed in the “Cochiti.” What year were they created?

- a). Indian Tree, 1920
- b). Glory of the West, 1940
- c). California Poppy, 1903

12. What year did Railroad Post Office service start?

1830

What year did it end?

1977

13. How many miles did the RPO car travel between Seattle and Chicago? 2204 miles

14. Why did women start working on the railroads?

Women started working because the men were called to fight in WWI and WWII.

15. Why were the Cab Forward Steam locomotive created?

The crews of conventional locomotive were getting asphyxiated as they traveled through the long snowsheds and tunnels.