



## TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD SCAVENGER HUNT

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1. Why was there a [need](#) for the Transcontinental Railroad?
2. What [two companies](#) worked to build the railroad?
3. [Where](#) was the final spike driven in a rail?
4. What was [unique](#) about this spike?
5. On what [date](#) was the final spike driven?
6. Look at [the "joining of the rails" photo](#) (taken at the celebration). Why isn't the photo in color?
7. What do you notice is customary for the [men](#) to wear?
8. How did [word](#) of the completion of the railroad get to the East?
9. What does the phrase "[the world as American's knew it had grown smaller](#)" mean?
10. How long did it take to go from San Francisco to New York via the [railroad](#)?

11. Look at this picture of Nebraska. What [natural resource](#) is missing that is needed for the Union Pacific company to build a railroad track?

12. From what [two sources](#) did the Union Pacific solve their problem (9)?

Complete the following table of comparisons: Use the info given to discover what the comparing information is. (Click on it and use to fill in the blank)

**Train from West to East**

13. [Central Pacific Company](#)

14. \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. from [Sacramento](#), CA – West

**Train from the East**

16. \_\_\_\_\_

17. [mostly Irish](#) construction [crew](#)

18. \_\_\_\_\_

19. What [natural disaster](#) slowed the work of the railroad?

20. Why were the Railroad companies so eager to [lay more track](#) than the other?

21. Reading a map is important. Using the "horizontal scale", how many miles is shown with a line of [2 inches](#)?

22. How did the railroad affect the lives of [Native Americans](#) living on the Plains? (Hint: scroll down to the exact middle and look for "no part of the buffalo...")

Click on "[Scouting the route](#)" to tour the route as it looks today