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RR Worker Letter Home

The year is 1868, the Transcontinental Railroad has been under construction for several years now, and you are a veteran railroad worker. Central Pacific crews were typically Irish Americans or African American's working from the central of the United States across the plains of the Midwest - facing discrimination, native attacks, and harsh working conditions. Meanwhile, Union Pacific Railroad worked from the East Coast: California to Uhtah. Typically, these Chinese Immigrants faced less native attacks, but harsh working conditions in the heat, and the dense Rocky Mountains made work equally difficult. Crews faced making several inches of progress a day until they broke the Rocky Mountains, where they suddenly were able to make upwards of 10 miles a day. Your goal is to write 2 letters home, one from each side of the Transcontinental Railroad describing what a day-in-the-life is like as a railroad worker. You must write one letter home from the Central Pacific and Union Pacific (2 letters total, making up at least 6 sentences). Make up names for yourself, be respectful, historically accurate, and try to cover details that we covered in class about daily life, and what conditions are like.



This Project is worth 40 points:

<u>Points:</u>	<u>Historical accuracy</u>	<u>Length Requirement</u>	<u>Spelling/ Grammar</u>	<u>Creativity</u>
<u>5 Points</u>	Writing is historically correct, no errors in story.	Writing is 6 sentences or more in length.	No spelling or grammatical mistakes.	Content is original and keeps the reader engaged.
<u>4 Points</u>	Writing is historically correct, small errors in story.	Writing is a minimum of 6 sentences in length.	1 spelling or grammatical mistake.	Content keeps the reader engaged.
<u>3 Points</u>	Writing is somewhat historically correct.	Writing is a minimum of 5 sentences in length.	2 spelling or grammatical mistakes.	Content is simple, and keeps the reader engaged.
<u>2 Points</u>	Writing is not historically correct.	Writing is a minimum of 5 sentences in length.	3 spelling or grammatical mistakes.	Content is not original and does not keep the reader engaged.
<u>1 Point</u>	Writing is fabricated, or has little historical accuracy.	Writing is under 5 sentences in length.	More than 3 spelling or grammatical mistakes.	Content is not original and does not keep the reader engaged.