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Instructions for Student Version:

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Instructions for Answer Key:

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

Sincerely,
CSRM Staff

For Teachers and Museum Staff



Scavenger Hunt

Answer Key



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 railroad did not cover.**

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

9. What was special about the sleeping cars?

Pullman cars offered comfortable overnight travel during longer trips.

10. What was the “Cochiti” used for?

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

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

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

12. What year did Railroad Post Office (RPO) 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 locomotives created?

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



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For Student of Grades 6-8

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