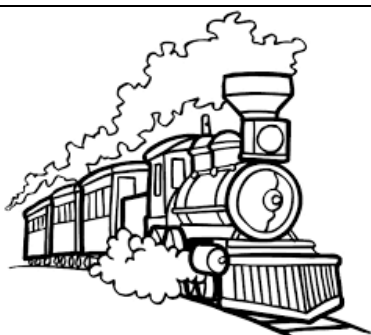


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Elementary School

Pie-Biter. Ruthanne Lum McCunn. A railroad worker loves pies. K-3.

Coolies. Yin. Two brothers face danger while working on the railroad. Grades 2-5.

Brothers. Yin. A Chinese and an Irish boy become friends in the 1870s. Grades 2-5.

My Life as a Chinese Immigrant. Max Caswell. A boy writes in his diary about working as a cook with his father. Grades 2-4.

Ghost Train. Paul Yee. A girl tries to find her father who worked on the railroad. Grades 4-5.

"Spirits of the Railway" in *Tales from Gold Mountain: Stories of the Chinese in the New World.* Paul Yee. A boy leaves offerings for his father. Grades 4-6.

Ten Mile Day. Mary Ann Fraser. An Irish crew competes with a Chinese crew to see who can build the most rails in one day. Grades 5-8.

Middle School

The Transcontinental Railroad: Using Proportions to Solve Problems. Theresa Shea. 2006. Many questions are answered using math. Grades 7-9.

Dragon's Gate. Laurence Yep. A boy battles cave-ins, rock slides, and snow in the building of the railroad. Grades 6-8.

"A Chinese Miracle" in *Hear That Train Whistle Blow! How the Railroad Changed the World.* Milton Meltzer. Highly recommended. Grades 6-10.

High School

Chinese Gold: The Chinese in the Monterey Bay Region. Sandy Lydon. Excellent account of railroads in the 1870s around Monterey. Pages 78-111.

Media

Charlie Brown: The Building of the Transcontinental Railroad. Video Dailymotion. The complete online version is 24 minutes long in *Transcontinental Railroad* episode from *This is America, Charlie Brown.* Elementary school.

Modern Marvels:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evLAK9815HQ>

Transcontinental Railroad from Season 2, Episode 2 (44 minutes). Tells of the challenges faced by railroad workers and developers. Highly recommended for middle and senior high school.

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