

Blackline Master Quizzes for *Railroads in U.S. History (1830 – 2010)*

Blackline Master Quiz 1A

Program 1: Railroads Come to America (1830-1840)

Circle the best answer (s)

1. The first steam locomotive was invented by
 - a. Peter Cooper
 - b. George Stephenson
 - c. Johns Hopkins
 - d. George Brown

2. The American psychology of efficiency and a ‘can do’ attitude was shaped by
 - a. The Revolutionary War
 - b. The Founding fathers
 - c. American railroads
 - d. All of the above

3. America was brought into the Industrial Revolution by her
 - a. Steamboats
 - b. System of canals
 - c. Railroads
 - d. All of the above

4. America’s railroads could be counted on for
 - a. Jobs
 - b. Technical innovations
 - c. Carrying the mail
 - d. All of the above

5. During the 19th century, railway depot was not one of the most important social institutions in the country.
 - a. True
 - b. False

6. The locomotive known as ‘Tom Thumb’ was built by
 - a. Peter Cooper
 - b. George Stephenson
 - c. Johns Hopkins
 - d. Samuel F.B. Morse

7. In 1843, Samuel F.B. Morse brought together railroads and
 - a. The steamboat
 - b. The telephone
 - c. The telegraph
 - d. All of the above

8. America's first great railroading fortune belonged to
 - a. Peter Cooper
 - b. Cornelius Vanderbilt
 - c. George Stephenson
 - d. Johns Hopkins

9. The largest steam locomotive built in the U.S. was named
 - a. Big Boy
 - b. Fat Man
 - c. Tom Thumb
 - d. The Rocket

10. The railroads would define how America would do business.
 - a. True
 - b. False

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Blackline Master Quiz 2A

Program 2: The First Great Railroad Boom (1841-1860)

Circle the best answer (s)

1. The American railroad industry was started by
 - a. The New York Central
 - b. The Reading
 - c. The Baltimore and Ohio
 - d. The Short Line

2. By 1840 over 30,000 miles of track had been laid in the U.S.
 - a. True
 - b. False

3. American industry's system of middle management was started by
 - a. Steamboats
 - b. The Erie Canal
 - c. Railroads
 - d. All of the above

4. Railroads would become the centerpiece for mechanical and civil engineering in America.
 - a. True
 - b. False

5. Coal was carried on
 - a. Flat cars
 - b. Cabooses
 - c. Box cars
 - d. Gondolas

6. The financial center for the railroad industry was
 - a. New York
 - b. Philadelphia
 - c. Chicago
 - d. Boston

7. A short line is
 - a. A railroad on the *Monopoly* playing board
 - b. The rail line connecting Chicago to New York City
 - c. A small feeder line that goes a short distance
 - d. None of the above

8. The railroad that became the standard of excellence for railroading in America was the
 - a. Reading
 - b. Pennsylvania
 - c. New York Central
 - d. Baltimore and Ohio

9. The New York Central Railroad was founded by
 - a. Cornelius Vanderbilt
 - b. Millard Fillmore
 - c. Erastus Corning
 - d. All of the above

10. The first train to connect Chicago to the Mississippi River was
 - a. The New York Central
 - b. The Erie Railroad
 - c. The B&O Railroad
 - d. The Rock Island and La Salle Railroad Company

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Circle the best answer (s)

1. Railroads changed the nature of warfare during the
 - a. War of 1812
 - b. Mexican American War
 - c. Civil War
 - d. All of the above

2. President Abraham Lincoln wanted to stop railroads from connecting America together and making one country.
 - a. True
 - b. False

3. The man who protected Lincoln on his train trip from Springfield, Illinois to Washington, D.C. was
 - a. General Stonewall Jackson
 - b. Grenville Dodge
 - c. General William Tecumseh Sherman
 - d. Alan Pinkerton

4. The South had more railroads than the North.
 - a. True
 - b. False

5. Legislation during the Civil War provided for
 - a. A transcontinental railroad
 - b. Military control of the North's railroads
 - c. The Union Army to run captured Southern railroads
 - d. All of the above

6. In the Atlanta Campaign, General Sherman used railroads to maintain his supply lines from Ohio to Georgia.
 - a. True
 - b. False

7. Railroads saved the Union forces at the Battle of Chickamauga by rescuing Union troops and carrying them to Washington, D.C.
 - a. True
 - b. False

8. Airbrakes were invented by
- George Pullman
 - Samuel Morse
 - George Westinghouse
 - Grenville Dodge
9. Match the railroad company with its section of building the first Transcontinental railroad.
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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Central Pacific Railroad Company | c. California to Utah |
| b. Union Pacific Railroad Company | d. Nebraska to Utah |
10. The Central Pacific and Union Pacific met at
- Promontory Summit
 - The Great Salt Lake
 - Cheyenne, Wyoming
 - Sierra Nevada Mountains

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Blackline Master Quiz 4A

Program 4: The Second Great Railroad Boom (1871-2010)

Circle the best answer (s)

1. In 1863 the U.S. Congress passed an act setting the ‘standard gauge’ to be used by railroads for the width of their track at
 - a. Three feet
 - b. Four feet eight and one-half inches
 - c. Five Feet
 - d. Five feet 6 inches

2. A big factor stimulating railroad building after the Civil War was
 - a. The federal government gave land grants to the railroad companies
 - b. The American Indians sold right of way to the railroad companies
 - c. Both of the above

3. The term Robber Barons was used to describe outlaw gangs who robbed trains.
 - a. True
 - b. False

4. Match the railroad entrepreneur with his railroad.

a. James J. Hill	e The Southern Pacific
b. Leland Stanford	f. The Northern Pacific
c. Jay Cooke	g. The Great Northern Railway
d. Cornelius Vanderbilt	h. The New York Central Railroad

5. Montana Senator William Clark founded the railroad division town
 - a. San Pedro
 - b. Salt Lake City
 - c. Helena
 - d. Las Vegas

6. The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad was founded by
 - a. William Jackson Palmer
 - b. William Clark
 - c. Cornelius Vanderbilt
 - d. Warren Buffet

7. In response to complaints about railroads, the federal government in the 19th century
 - a. Broke up the railroad monopolies
 - b. Founded the Interstate Commerce Commission
 - c. Force the railroads to grant rebates to small town businessmen and farmers
 - d. All of the above

8. The man who led consolidation of the railroad industry at the beginning of the 20th century was
- Cornelius Vanderbilt
 - E.H. Harriman
 - Jay Gould
 - J. J. Hill
9. The consolidation of railroads in the 20th century was because of
- The Federal government
 - The invention of automobiles and trucks
 - The invention of the diesel locomotive
 - All of the above
10. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad was purchased by
- Cornelius Vanderbilt
 - The Federal Government
 - E. H. Harriman
 - Warren Buffet