

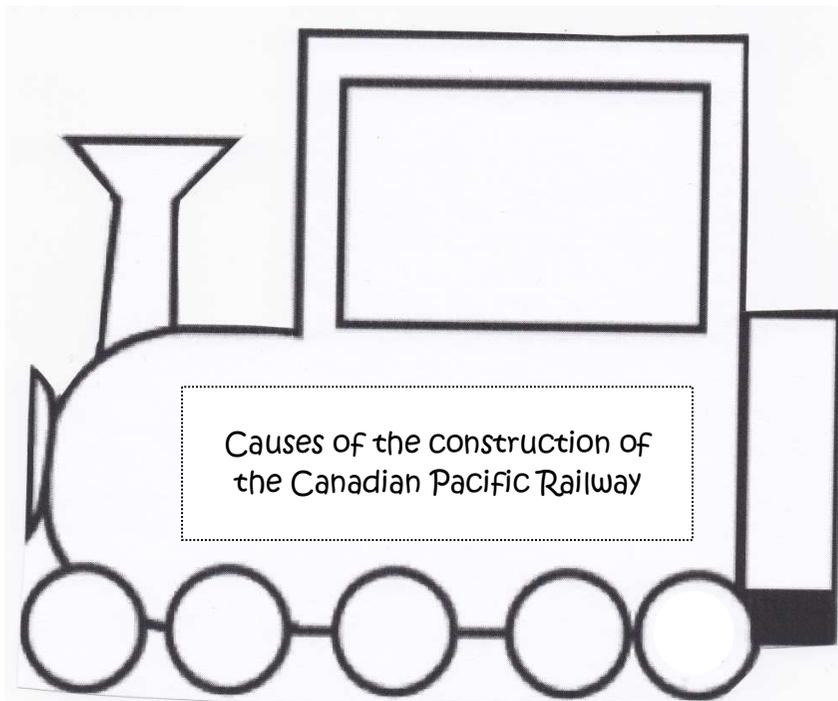
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1. Cut the wagons on the last two pages and sort them into cause and consequence (effect).
2. Attach all the causes to the engine below.
3. Then decide which consequences (effects) are positives and which ones are negative. Write "positive" or "negative" at the top of each consequence. Finally, attach the consequence to its engine.

### Why was the transcontinental railway built?

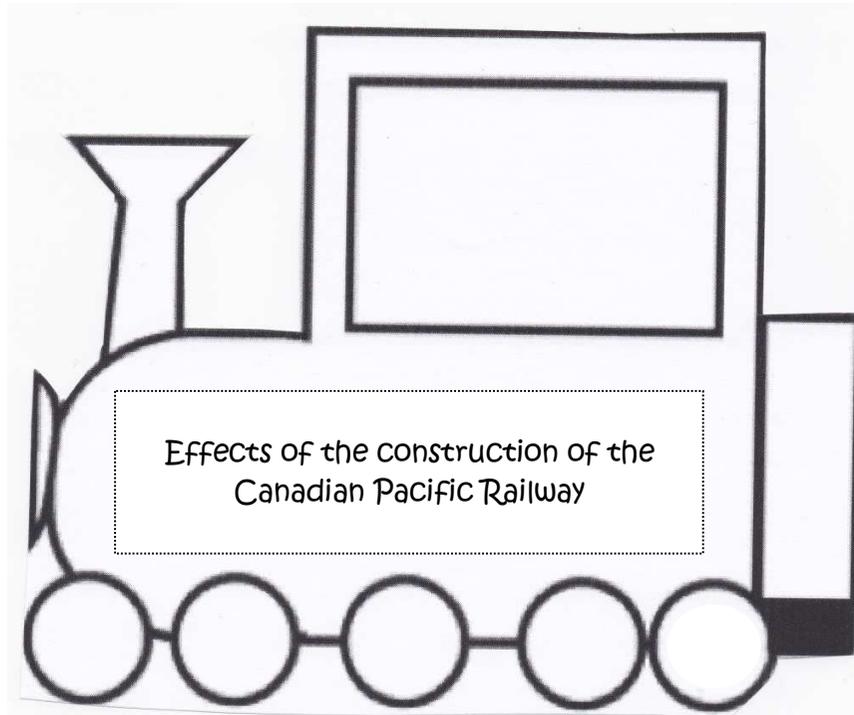


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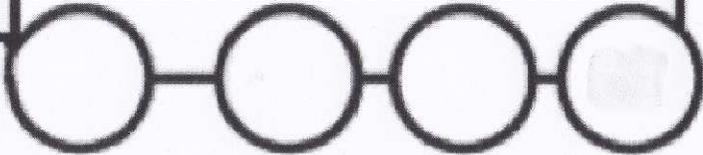
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What were the effects of the construction of the transcontinental railway?



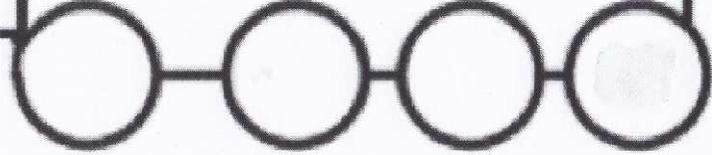
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Building a transcontinental railway made it easier for people and goods to be transported west. Before the railway was built, a trip along the muddy wagon trails could take weeks. With the railway, settlers could travel in just a few days.



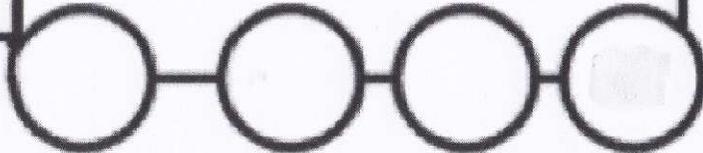
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Chinese labourers were hired to work on the most difficult section of the railway through B.C. They were paid less and given dangerous jobs. When the job was done, many could not return home.



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The First Nations way of life quickly changed. Their land was given to settlers and to build the railway. The buffalo became extinct and the First Nations had to move to reserves.



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Many towns popped up along the CPR line because trains needed water and coal. Often the CPR would sell land around the train station to people and businesses. The CPR stations also had mail and telegraph services.



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Most of the free land in the United States was gone. Politicians were afraid the United States would claim unoccupied land in Canada. So Macdonald, the first Prime Minister, came up with a plan to build up the country: a cross-country railway.

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British Columbia agreed to join Confederation if Macdonald built a transcontinental railway that would unite the nation. People in British Columbia were struggling to make money after the end of the Gold Rush. The railway would help the province develop other industries.

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The railroad was very beneficial for Vancouver Island. It connected communities, provided jobs and encouraged settlement. It also gave access to the island's forest and mineral resources.