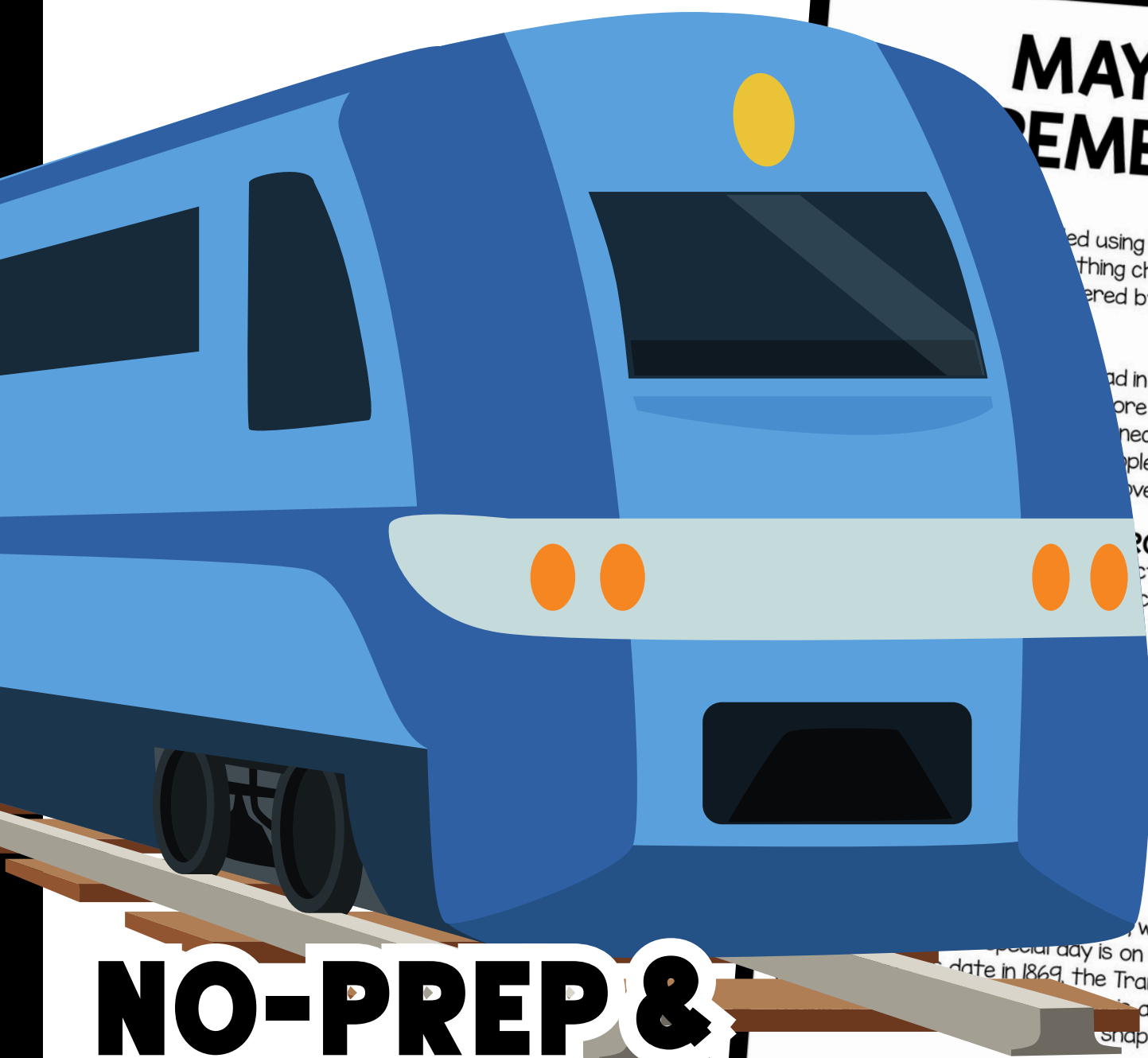


Train Day

MAY RAILWAY

READING COMPREHENSION



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FUN TRAIN FACTS

Trains are incredible machines! Did you know that the longest train in the world is 4.5 miles long? Or that the fastest train can go over 300 miles per hour? Trains are also featured in many movies and books, like the Hogwarts Express.

MAY RAILWAY REMEMBRANCE

Before trains, people traveled using horses and wagons. This was slow and difficult. Everything changed with the invention of trains. Trains run on tracks and are powered by steam engines, electricity, or diesel fuel.

The first railroad in the United States was the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, or B&O Railroad. It connected Baltimore, Maryland, to Washington, D.C. People travel faster and farther on trains over long distances.



ROAD

One of the most important events in history was the Transcontinental Railroad. It connected the east coast to the west coast of the United States. People had to build tracks over mountains, across rivers, and through very hard terrain to finish this important project.

The railroad changed America in many ways. New towns and cities were built, and people could travel to new places and work in new markets far away from home.

We celebrate May Railway Remembrance every year. It is on the Saturday closest to May 1st. In 1869, the Transcontinental Railroad was completed, and it was a time to let everyone know that the railroad had shaped our country.



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Train Day, helps us remember the railroads to modern high-speed trains. It connected people across great distances and showed the wonderful impact of trains on our lives.

RAILWAY REMEMBRANCE

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.
Which transportation method did people use before trains?

wagons

What was the first railroad in the United States?

What is the name of the first railroad?

Ohio Railroad (B&O Railroad)
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad
Transcontinental Railroad

Transcontinental Railroad

**READING COMPREHENSION
MCQ'S
QUESTIONS
ANSWER KEY**

READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

MAY RAILWAY REMEMBRANCE

Long ago, people traveled using horses and wagons. This was slow and difficult. In the early 1800s, everything changed with the invention of trains. Trains run on steel tracks and are powered by steam engines, electricity, or diesel fuel.

THE FIRST RAILROAD

In the 1820s, the first railroad in the United States was built. It was called the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, or B&O Railroad. This railroad connected Baltimore, Maryland, to the Ohio River. It helped people travel faster and made it easier to move goods over long distances.



TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD

One of the biggest railroad projects in history was the Transcontinental Railroad. This railroad connected the east coast to the west coast of the United States. It was completed in 1869. Workers had to build tracks over mountains, across rivers, and through deserts. They worked very hard to finish this important project.

CHANGES IN AMERICA

The expansion of railroads changed America in many ways. New towns and cities grew along the tracks. People could travel to new places and start new lives. Farmers could send their crops to markets far away. Factories could send their products to customers all over the country.

NATIONAL TRAIN DAY

To honor the importance of trains, we celebrate National Train Day every year. This special day is on the Saturday closest to May 10th. On this date in 1869, the Transcontinental Railroad was completed. National Train Day is a time to learn about trains and how they have helped shape our country.



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FUN TRAIN FACTS

Trains are incredible machines! Did you know that the longest train in the world was over 4.5 miles long? Or that the fastest train can go over 300 miles per hour? Trains have also appeared in many movies and books, like the Hogwarts Express in Harry Potter.

FUTURE OF TRAINS

Trains are still important today. They are a green way to travel because they use less fuel than cars or planes. High-speed trains are being built to connect cities even faster. Trains will continue to play a vital role in our world for many years to come.



CONCLUSION

May Railway Remembrance, or National Train Day, helps us remember the amazing history of trains. From the first railroads to modern high-speed trains, they have made travel easier and connected people across great distances. Let's celebrate and appreciate the wonderful impact of trains on our lives.

READING COMPREHENSION

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Date_____

MAY RAILWAY REMEMBRANCE

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What transportation method did people use before trains were invented?

- a) Cars
- b) Horses and wagons
- c) Airplanes
- d) Boats

2. When was the first railroad in the United States built?

- a) 1700s
- b) 1800s
- c) 1900s
- d) 2000s

3. What was the name of the first railroad in the United States?

- a) Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (B&O Railroad)
- b) Union Pacific Railroad
- c) Central Pacific Railroad
- d) Transcontinental Railroad

4. When was the Transcontinental Railroad completed?

- a) 1859
- b) 1869
- c) 1879
- d) 1889

5. What changes did railroad expansion bring to America?

- a) Decrease in population
- b) Slower travel
- c) Growth of towns and cities
- d) Decrease in farming

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

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- a) May 1st
- b) May 5th
- c) May 10th
- d) May 15th

7. How long was the longest train in t

- a) Over 1 mile long
- b) Over 2.5 miles long
- c) Over 3.5 miles long
- d) Over 4.5 miles long

8. Why are trains considered a green

- a) They use more fuel than cars or pla
- b) They use less fuel than cars or plane
- c) They pollute the environment
- d) They are slower than cars or planes

9. What is the fastest train speed ment

- a) 200 miles per hour
- b) 250 miles per hour
- c) 300 miles per hour
- d) 350 miles per hour

10. What is one example of a train menti

- a) Polar Express
- b) Thomas the Tank Engine
- c) The Little Engine That Could
- d) Choo-Choo Charlie

ANSWER KEY

MCQS

1. b) Horses and wagons
2. b) 1800s
3. a) Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (B&O Railroad)
4. b) 1869
5. c) Growth of towns and cities
6. c) May 10th
7. d) Over 4.5 miles long
8. b) They use less fuel than cars or planes
9. c) 300 miles per hour
10. a) Polar Express

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. The first railroad in the United States was called the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (B&O Railroad).
2. The Transcontinental Railroad was completed in 1869.
3. Railroad expansion brought changes such as the growth of towns and cities in America.
4. National Train Day is celebrated on the Saturday closest to May 10th.
5. Trains are considered a green way to travel because they use less fuel than cars or planes.

ANSWER KEY
INCLUDED

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