

Pathfinder

Building of the

Transcontinental Railroad

1. Central Pacific Railroad; Photographic History Museum.

<http://cpr.org/Museum/index.html>

This web site gives an indepth look at the history, and construction of the Central Pacific Railroad. This web site also give a look into the Chinese Americans who helped build the line through the Sierra Nevada Mountains and across the Nevada and Utah deserts.

2. Digital History

http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/disp_textbook.cfm?smtID=2&psid=3147

Gives an overall synopsis of the of why the railroad was built and a brief summary of what the builder faced in constructing the line.

3. California State Railroad Museum

<http://web.csrmf.org/explore-and-learn/railroad-history/the-transcontinental-railroad>

Provides information on why the railroad was built and it's impact. This web site also talks about the surveyor of the line, and the four main investors who funded the construction of the railroad.

4. The Transcontinental Railroad.

<http://railroad.lindahall.org/index.html>

Provides a look at the technology used by the railroads to build the line and transport goods and passengers. This site also provides information on the standardization of time due to help with operation of the railroads.

5. Theodore Judah "A Practical Man For Building The Pacific Railroad"

<http://www.sfmuseum.net/hist4/practical.html>

Provides the detailed proposal from the route surveyor of why the line should be constructed, and how he would construct the line.

6. Completing The Transcontinental Railroad, 1869

<http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/goldenspike.htm>

An eyewitness account of the driving of the last spike in Promontory Utah.

7. UP, Historical Overview

<http://www.up.com/aboutup/history/overview/index.htm>

Information on building of the railroad from Union Pacific's point of view; Union Pacific is the oldest railroad in country and is still in business today.

8. Uniting, The United States of America

<http://www.uprr.com/aboutup/history/lincoln/index.shtml>

Union Pacific provides information on Lincoln's ties to the building of the railroad and Union Pacific.

9. Facts

<http://my.ilstu.edu/~jabraun/students/geiseman/facts.htm>

Gives facts on the railroad, on how, why and when the railroad was built, and also gives facts on the investors and the railroad workers.

10. History of the Transcontinental Railroad

<http://bushong.net/dawn/about/college/ids100/history.shtml>

Gives facts on the proposed why the proposed Northern route was chosen over the proposed southern route. It also gives facts on a few of the milestones in building the project.