

The Transcontinental Railroad

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For my topic for this year's History Day I chose the Transcontinental Railroad. Why I chose this topic was because I have always wanted to learn a little about trains, and I have had a liking for trains ever since I was a kid. One thing I wanted really wanted to learn was how long the Transcontinental Railroad is. The transcontinental Railroad was a total of 1776 miles long (Institute of American History). One interesting fact I learned during this project was that the Union Pacific who was one of the two main companies building the Transcontinental Railroad had hired Native Americans to fight other Native Americans. How this topic ties to the NHD theme is that it changed transportation in the U.S. and caused the west to be notable in the United States, but also caused the death of a large amount of Native Americans ("The Transcontinental Railroad"). How I conducted my research was by looking for secondary sources and then primary sources. The primary sources that were useful in this project was the Mark Twain one. How I found my sources was by looking up the Transcontinental Railroad. How I created my website was on the National History Day website builder. The layout of my website is a background, a large square box, and a smaller rectangle box on top of the square box. The design of my website was a black background, white font color, and a picture. The pictures I used in my website were mostly pictures of trains, people on train tracks, people building train tracks, and people standing in front of trains.