

I chose this topic because I wanted to do something that had never been done before. I wanted to do something that would hook people and that would make them interested in trains again because without trains we would never have reached the level that this country is at. We would have lost wars because, in major wars like World War 1 & 2, and the Civil War, trains were important for supplies, ammunition, soldiers and many more important things. People don't really talk about trains anymore and wanted to have a blast from the past. I chose the Transcontinental Railroad of 1869.

For research, I used books and the Internet. I searched for people, places and important dates. I also used pictures and captions pulled from Google Images. I also used the National Archives for quotes and answers to questions that I had. Many important quotes were tapped out in morse code throughout the train tracks, but the most famous quote is what President Lincoln's told to Oakes Ames. His quote gave motivation and inspiration to the workers which made them work vigorously to finish.

I am really good with technology so I decided to do a website. It seemed to be the best choice. I formatted my site with four pages that included a home page that has my title page and this paper and then did pages past, present, and future.

My topic connects to the theme because it broke geographical barriers, and it opened up thousands of trade lines and helped the U.S become the world power it is today. Without the Transcontinental Railroad, the World would not be the same, because of the example that the U.S. showed the world. Trains were very important to the era of transportation that the world is in now.