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Chapter 10: Rebuilding Indian Territory Internet Activity

Railroads were vital to opening the western regions for settlement, allowing not only emigrants from the east coast, but trade and speedier communication between all parts of the country. In this lesson, you will learn more about the railroads of the lands that would become Oklahoma.

Instructions: Use the information at the following links to complete each item below.

Part I: Two companies were hired to build the transcontinental railroad. One started in the east, the other in the west. The companies were paid by the mile, so there was advantage in building quickly. On the website, view the Gallery, the Timeline, and the interactive “The Race to Utah!”

[Transcontinental Railroad](#)

1. In what year was the groundbreaking of the transcontinental railroad, and when was it completed? _____
2. Which two rail companies built the railroad? _____
3. In what town was the eastern end of the railroad? _____
4. In what town was the western end of the railroad? _____
5. What was the payment to the companies for each mile of rail completed?

Part II: 1884 Railroads Click the link and examine the map carefully. Look for the symbol of a railroad on the map. Some railroad names are abbreviated.

[1884 Railroad Map](#)

	<i>Missouri Pacific Railway</i>	<i>Atlantic & Pacific Railroad</i>	<i>St. Louis & San Francisco</i>
Direction of travel			
Towns served (sample)			
Tribal lands crossed			
Connects to which state(s)			



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Part III: 1896 Railroads Click the link and examine the map carefully. Look for the symbol of a railroad on the map. Some railroad names are abbreviated.

[1896 Railroad Map](#)

	<i>Missouri Kansas Texas Rail Way</i>	<i>St. Louis - Iron Mountain & Southern</i>	<i>Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (2 lines)</i>	
Direction of travel				
Towns served (sample)				
Tribal lands crossed				
Connects to which state(s)				

Part IV: 1915 Railroads By this time, railroads were common across the United States. Use the links to locate your home county in Oklahoma. Find the train stations in your county in 1915. Identify the nearest railroads.

[County Maps](#)

6. What towns had train stations in your county?

7. What railroads ran through or nearest to your county?

Finished Early? Use the link below to plan a trip from your area to some other part of the United States. Determine how long your train trip will take and how much it will cost.

[Amtrak – Find a Station](#)