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## The Invention Of Railway Tracks

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The history of the United States tells us that the original colonies were not too far away from the East Coast. Boats and horses were used to travel to places besides travelling by foot. For the purpose of transportation of goods from one place to another, buses and wagons were fairly common. However, with the arrival of more and more settlers from around the globe, arose a need to travel easily and more conveniently. It was the result of this need that a few tracks of railroad were developed to modernize the transportation. So it was not that hard to travel in settled areas.

The United States started to expand towards the west which was not as simple a task as riding a horse or using a weapon. Nonetheless, more than a few settlers were able to go far too ahead to embark their journey with a success. This was because a huge remuneration was offered to them by some areas. Loads of families went to California in a hope to find a lot of land and gold to become wealthy.

Because of California Gold Rush, men would go far too ahead in search of gold mines and plan for their families to join them there. Theodore Judah was a man of ambitions and he foresaw that there is a need of a better mode of travelling to the west. He built the foundation of the modern train system and thousands of workers to build the tracks the revolutionized the travelling system.



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## Questions:

1. How did people travel when the colonies were not too far away?

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2. Which two things attracted a huge number of people to move to the west?

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3. What was the ambition of Theodore Judah?

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4. What do you understand by the term California Gold Rush?

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5. What was the biggest advantage of the newly built railroad?

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# Vocabulary Test:

## 1. Transportation

- a. Carry people or goods from one place to another
- b. Travel on train only
- c. Travel in groups from one place to another

## 2. Remuneration

- a. Punishment
- b. Reward
- c. Salary

## 3. Settler

- a. The one who travels on regular basis
- b. The one who moves to another area to live there
- c. The one who does not travel much