

### HISTORY OF THE CPR

Use the following document <http://www.cpr.ca/en/about-cp-site/Documents/cp-history-for-students.pdf> to learn more about the building of our national railroad.

1. How did BC influence the building of the CPR?
  
2. The building of the railway was delayed when Macdonald was forced out of office due to the **Pacific Scandal**.  
Read more about it here: <http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/pacific-scandal/>
  - a. Summarize what happened
  
3. Describe the building of the CPR in British Columbia:
  - a. Length of time
  
  - b. Length of track laid
  
  - c. Number of workers
  
  - d. Challenges
  
4. The BC portion of the CPR was largely built by Chinese immigrants.
  - a. Describe the working conditions for Chinese labourers (use this link: <http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/canadian-pacific-railway/> )

b. Why was their employment so controversial?

c. How has CPR honoured the contributions of the Chinese labourers?

5. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company was in charge of constructing the railway east of BC. The head of the company was \_\_\_\_\_. The company was given \$\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ million acres of land. Construction was slow in the initial stages, but once \_\_\_\_\_ was hired, things picked up!

6. 1885 was a pivotal year for the CPR

a. Why did the CPR Company run out of money by 1885?

b. What major event convinced the Canadian government to give an additional \$22.5 million to finish its completion?

7. Where and when was the last spike driven to complete the transcontinental railway?

8. List 2 fun facts about the "last spike".