

# Trains in North America: Past, Present and Future

(Introduction: Paragraph 1)

Railways are an important transportation system used worldwide to move people and products quickly across continents. Before transcontinental railway systems were engineered, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The advancement of the railway system has given people a faster and safer way to travel. In fact, new advancements in train travel are still being developed. One day we may \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_!

## Before the Railroad

Before the transcontinental railroad, the landscape of North America was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
(evidence) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

People traveled by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
(detail) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
(concluding thought) \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_.

## The Golden Age of Steam

The invention of the steam engine led to the expansion of the railway system. The United States completed its first transcontinental railway in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(detail) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

This advancement allowed \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ years later, Canada completed a railway that connected Nova Scotia and British Columbia. As a result of the new railroad, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(concluding thought) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Trains of the Future**

Inventions and advancements throughout history have given people more opportunities to make a better life for themselves. A new advancement in the railway system is the development of high-speed trains. (evidence) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I predict \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

This would make it possible for people to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(concluding paragraph)

(concluding thought) \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

(detail) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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(detail) \_\_\_\_\_  
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