

# Why Perspectives are Different



This is a picture of wealthy businessmen celebrating the construction of the transcontinental railroad. The men are celebrating because they owned the railroad. They would make a lot of money off of the railroad.



This is a picture of members of the Meskwaki Nation. They had to move from their homes when the railroad was being built. The railroad was going to be built through their land and destroy it.



This is a picture of businessmen who were seeing one of their trains leave a railroad station. The transcontinental railroad was the first railroad built across the entire United States. It was built so people could afford to travel across the entire country by train. Businessmen made a lot of money from the railroads.

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This is a picture of one of the railroad stations that was built on the Meskwaki Nation's land. This picture shows that the railroad tracks were built on their land.



This is a picture of Chinese immigrants who were working on the railroad tracks. Immigrants found jobs working on the railroad in the United States. This was a dangerous and tough job.



This is a picture of African Americans who were working on the railroad tracks. African Americans who built the railroad were often exhausted and overworked.

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# Creating a Youtube Episode

Follow the steps to create your Youtube episode.

## Step 1: Choose an Audience

Your first step is to choose who your audience will be. The audience is the group of people who will be watching your episodes. You can choose one or more audiences. You can select one or multiple audiences. Circle your audience.

- Kids ages 5-9
- Teens ages 13-15
- Historians or other professionals
- People of all ages who are visually impaired or hearing impaired
- Teachers of 3rd-5th graders
- People who think that everyone thought the Transcontinental Railroad was amazing
- Other (ask your teacher for permission about choosing a different audience)

## Step 2: Discuss the different perspective on the Transcontinental Railroad

Pick two perspectives that you want to discuss on the railroad. Then, make a claim about these perspective. A claim is your opinion, like "All people were happy about the Transcontinental Railroad." A claim is backed up by evidence. Below, write two claims about two different perspectives on the railroad. Then, use the handout to pick at least one piece of evidence that will back up your claim

• Claim #1:

• Evidence:

• Claim #2:

• Evidence:

### Step 3: Write an Episode

Your episode must have an opening, middle, and closing.

#### Opening:

An opening is the first thing you will say when you start recording your episode. You should introduce yourself and give background information on what the episode will be about. Your opening should grab the attention of visitors. You might want to sing a song, tell a cool story, or do a dance to get people's attention! Write 3 or more sentences that you will say for your opening.

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**Closing:**

You should tell viewers that the episode is over. You should also tell viewers that there will be more episodes coming soon. You might want to give a “sneak peek” on what you will talk about in another episode! Think about how to make your closing interesting so people will want to watch other episodes. Write 3 or more sentences that you will say for your closing.

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# How to Record a Youtube Episode Like a Professional

## Have Good Eye Contact

Make sure that you are looking at the camera. You should make eye contact and not look down at your notes the whole time.



## Speak Loudly

Make sure you talk loudly so the camera's microphone can record your voice. If you talk too quietly, people won't be able to hear you.



## Speak Clearly

When people are nervous, they might talk faster than they normally would. Make sure you talk slowly enough so people can understand you. If you're not sure if you're speaking clearly enough, ask a friend to listen to you practice.



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# Providing Professional Feedback

**Person you are providing feedback for:**

**What was your favorite part about the episode?**

**Did the episode hold your attention? Why or why not?**

**What do you think the episode's claims are? Is the message clear?**

**Do you have any other recommendations?**