

Content Check

Teacher Key

1. Why did people feel differently about the building of the Transcontinental Railroad?

Wealthy businessmen were happy because they would make a lot of money off the railroad once it was built. On the other hand, people of the Meskwaki Nation felt differently about the railroad being built. They were not happy. The railroad was going to be built through their land and destroy it. Because the railroad was built on their land, they were forced to move so that the railroad could be completed. Immigrants and African Americans who built the railroad were exhausted and angry. It was extremely difficult to build the railroad and they had to work very long hours.

2. Why is it important for historians to talk about how people had different perspectives on the Transcontinental Railroad?

Historians should make sure to include all points of view. That way, people will understand different groups' feelings and attitudes about historical events.

3. What would happen if historians only talked about one perspective on the Transcontinental Railroad?

People might not get a complete picture of a historical event. People might not understand that people were treated differently during this time period. For example, people might think that the building of the railroad was a positive event and that all people were excited about it.