

Building a Railroad

Over 200 years ago, it was difficult to travel across the	11
United States. There were a few railroad trains, but none of	22
those railroads crossed the country. People traveling across the	31
United States went by horse and wagon. It took months to	42
travel that way.	45
So 150 years ago, people started building a new railroad.	55
This new railroad they would build would connect the East	65
Coast to the West Coast. Building the railroad was very hard	76
work. People worked in bad weather. They had to blast holes	87
in mountains to make tunnels.	92
The railroad took six years to complete. When it was	102
done, people could travel across the country much more easily.	112