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Chapter 20 Section 2
Railroads Transform the Nation

Chapter 20 Essential Question: How did the growth of industry and big business change the nation?

Agenda/Objectives:

- **Analyze the funding for the first transcontinental railroad**
- **Identify the groups that worked on the first transcontinental railroad**
- **Describe the linking together of the two railroads**
- **Evaluate the changes brought about by the railroads**

Guiding Questions:

1. Why did Americans want to build a transcontinental railroad?

2. How was the transcontinental railroad financed?

3. What problems did the Central Pacific face when hiring workers?

4. How did Chinese workers benefit the Central Pacific?

5. Where did Union Pacific get workers?

6. Why did the country need a standard time?

7. How did the railroads benefit the economy?

8. Explain how the railroad changed America both economically and socially.