

★ **Guided Reading Activity 12-2**

DIRECTIONS: Identifying Supporting Details Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

★ **Main Idea:** After the Civil War, railroad construction expanded dramatically.

1. **Detail:** The railroad boom began in 1862 when President Lincoln signed the _____.
2. **Detail:** The _____ Railroad had primary investors who were known as _____.
3. **Detail:** Because of a _____ in California, about 10,000 workers from _____ were hired.

★ **Main Idea:** The expansion of the railroads spurred America's industrial growth.

4. **Detail:** Railroad companies stimulated the economy by spending money on _____, _____, _____, and other necessities.
5. **Detail:** Railroad _____ resulted in seven giant systems that controlled most rail traffic.
6. **Detail:** Before the 1880s, each community set its clocks by the _____.
7. **Detail:** To make rail service safer and more _____, the American Railway Association divided the country into four _____.

★ **Main Idea:** To encourage railroad construction, the federal government gave land grants to many railroad companies.

8. **Detail:** During the 1850s and 1860s, the federal land grant system awarded railroad companies _____ acres of land.

★ **Main Idea:** The great wealth many railroad entrepreneurs acquired in the late 1800s led to accusations that they had built their fortunes through dishonest means.

9. **Detail:** Jay Gould was a railroad owner who was infamous for _____.
10. **Detail:** The _____ scandal involved public officials and stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad.