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Design Your Own Boxcar



*This mini project will allow you to design a boxcar home for your own family. Think about the conditions that the boxcar people were put under and how difficult it was to maintain and create a space that would be efficient for everyone. This project allows creative freedom and artistic abilities. Consider the following when designing your boxcar…*

* How many people would be living in your home?
* How many adults and how many children?
* What kinds of labor could your family do to add to your home?
* How much space will you need and where will certain things go?

**Directions:**

1. Create your family (# of people, male/female, children or adult)
2. What kinds of jobs do you or your family members work on the railroads? (Traquero, gandy-dancer, cook, laundry)
3. What camp was your boxcar located in? Where within that camp? (Close to the railroads?)
4. What did your daily life look like?
5. Create a diagram & arrange the house to fit your family’s needs: Windows, doors, potbelly stoves, bathrooms located outside, beds, porch, etc.
6. Build a 3D model of your boxcar.
	1. Teacher provides materials (Styrofoam boards, popsicle sticks, hot glue, paint, markers, lasagna noodles for texture of roofs, mini pieces of wood, various shapes/objects, etc.)
	2. Ask teacher for specific materials if needed.

Ex:

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Couch/Seating

 Door

Window

Storage

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