



150th Anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad

Teacher Resources

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Floca, Brian. *Locomotive*. New York, Simon & Schuster, 2013. The Caldecott Medal Winner, Sibert Honor Book, and New York Times bestseller *Locomotive* is a rich sensory exploration of America's early railroads. Almost 150 years ago - just after the Civil War - the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad radically changed both this country's landscape and the opportunities of its people. The book traces the advent of cross-country train travel, focusing on an early trip from Omaha to Sacramento.

Perritano, John. *The Transcontinental Railroad*. New York, Children's Press, 2010. The text is presented in a lively, continuous narrative. An "Important Words" glossary clarifies subject-specific vocabulary, and a "Resources" section encourages independent study. Suitable for quick background information related to the topic.