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Canada's History – The Transcontinental Railway

Visit the interactive timeline at https://cpconnectingcanada.ca/ to examine the pictures and read their captions about the construction of the railway. To read each photo's caption, click on the + on the top right hand side of the picture.

As you explore, find answers to the following questions. Please answer them in full sentences.

Knowledge & Understanding

1. What were some reasons why the Transcontinental Railway was to be built? *(Consider topics discussed in class)*
2. By examining some of the pictures, why do you think progress was so slow in building the railway through Ontario?
3. Why was progress across the Prairies made so much quicker than through Ontario?
4. In what year was it possible for you to start riding the train to Alberta?
5. What year did construction of the railway finally begin in British Columbia? Where did it begin and what was construction of this section of track like?
6. How was material brought to the front of the line in different parts of:
   a) Ontario
   b) British Columbia
7. What is the significance of The Cheng Interchange in Kamloops, BC?
8. What years were dedicated to building the track through the Rocky Mountains?
9. What is special about Mountain Creek Bridge?
10. When did the Eastern railway (coming from Ontario) meet with the Western portion of the railway (coming from Port Moody)? Where is this historic spot?
11. Compare the two "Last Spike" photos that were taken. What is most notably different between the two images? Why do you think this was?
12. When was the first transcontinental passenger train voyage? Where did it start and where did it end?

Application & Communication:

Answer this question in paragraph format providing significant detail and explanation for full marks.

Why is the construction of the railway an important part of Canada's history?

 (think: physical, economic and social growth, development and unity). Use notes or textbook readings to support answer.