East Broad Top Railroad
Student Activity Book

About The East Broad Top Railroad:

The East Broad Top Railroad, a National Historic Landmark, is a narrow gauge railroad situated in the heart of Central Pennsylvania, and remains the only original narrow-gauge railroad east of the Rocky Mountains. Chartered in 1856 and constructed between 1872 and 1874, it remains an incredible time capsule of American industry, technology, and ingenuity. The original 33 mile mainline, along with the locomotives, rolling stock, and one-of-a-kind rail yard, round house, and machine shop complex, all remain intact, a survivor from a bygone era. Today, the railroad provides a present-day link to the understanding of past national development in transportation and industry, and easily stimulates imaginative thought on the romance and adventure to be found in history.

About the EBT Foundation:

The EBT Foundation's mission is to preserve and operate the East Broad Top Railroad as a steam-powered railroad; to educate visitors about the role of railroads in local and national history; and to promote local and regional tourism and economic growth.

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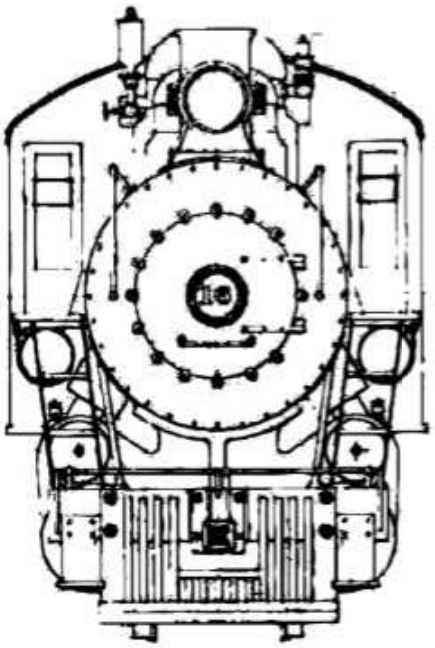
East Broad Top Railroad Safety Pledge



I, _____ as a visitor to the East Broad Top Railroad, pledge to:

- Treat the railroad, roundhouse, and machine shop complex with care and respect by helping to protect the artifacts.
- Be careful of what I do and how it affects others.
- Learn the importance of history and our heritage.
- Share what I have learned with family and friends!

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(Sign your name here!)

Critical Writing Activity

The employees inside the machine shop complex were very tough people. They only had a 7th grade education, and worked six days a week, 10 hours a day, to make the parts necessary to help the railroad and the mines it served operate. Do you think you could work the long hours needed to help the railroad operate?

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Several generations of employees worked for the railroad, and their families take great pride in the fact that they worked for the East Broad Top and the mine in Robertsdale. Ask your parents, teachers, or other adults in your life about their family history stories. What are some other ways to remember the events of the past?

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W F B L I S V H E A S T B B E
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L S T E A M P M T B R U T Z O
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Word Search Answer Key

Conductor
Brakeman
Whistle
Broad
Rockhill
Station
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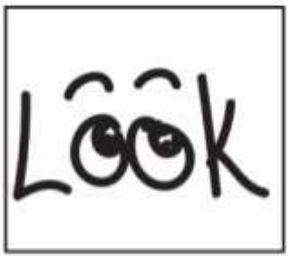
Ticket
Engineer
Railroad
Steam
Track
Train
East
Top

Before you begin your adventure at the East Broad Top Railroad, complete the Railroad Safety Activity!

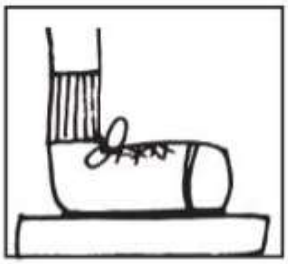
For more safety activities, visit Operation Lifesaver: www.oli.org

East Broad Top Railroad Safety

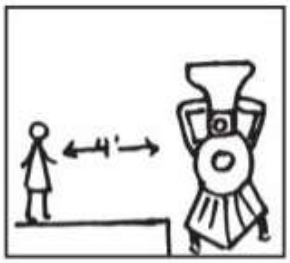
As a guest of the railroad, you need to be aware of Railroad Safety.
Circle all of the pictures below that demonstrate railroad safety:



Look before you cross



Walk on the tracks



Stand 4 feet away

Stay alert!

Cross only at Railroad Crossing

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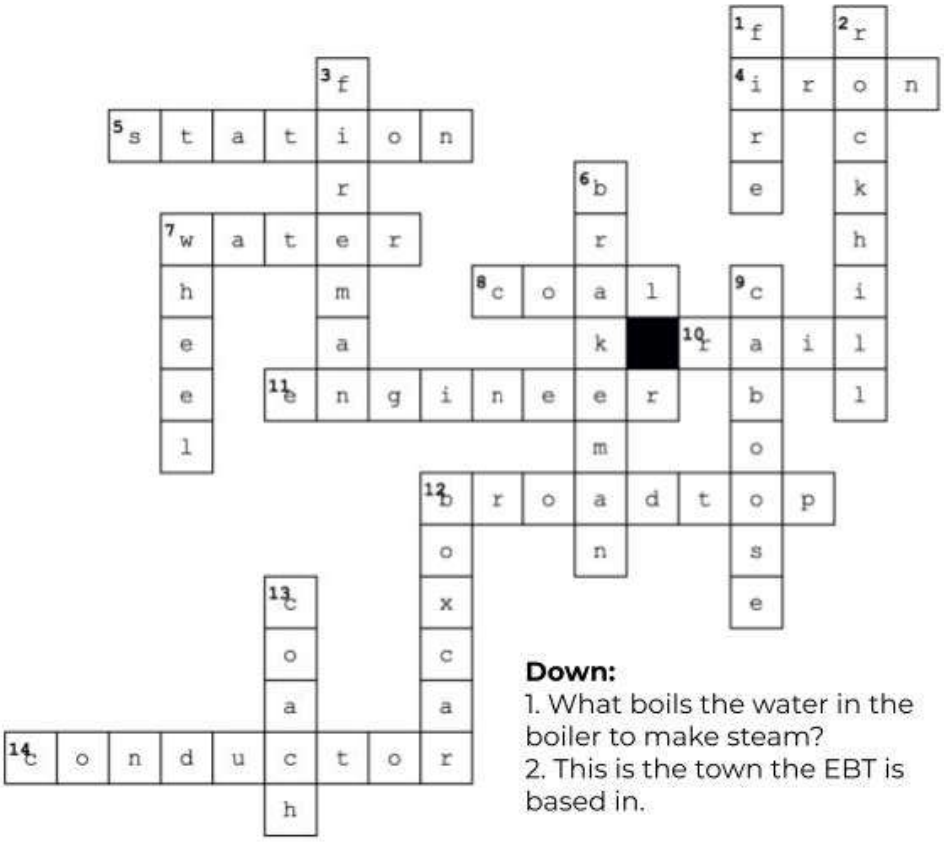

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2. This is the town the EBT is based in.

Crossword Puzzle Answer Key:

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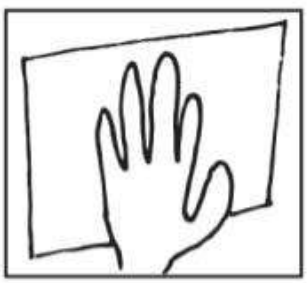
5. Where did you board the train at?
7. This liquid is put in the boiler to make steam.
8. What did the East Broad Top Railroad primarily haul before 1956?
10. What does the train ride on?
11. This member of the crew makes the train move.
12. This is the name of the mountain the railroad climbs.
14. This member of the crew is the boss of the train.

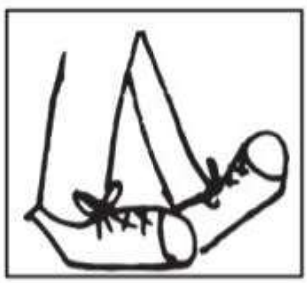
3. This member of the train crew takes care of the water and fire in the steam engine.
6. This member of the crew throws switches.
7. These are found underneath the cars and move down the track.
9. This car is at the end of the train.
12. This red car hauled boxes and other goods.
13. What car are you riding in today?

East Broad Top Railroad Yard Safety

As you tour the East Broad Top's historic facilities, you must follow the rules. Circle all of the ways guests follow the rules. If you don't know the railroad's rules, ask a staff member for help!



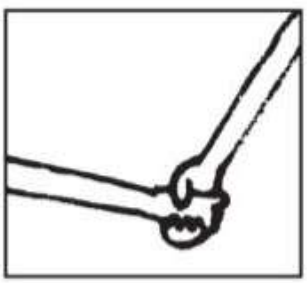
Touching the artifacts



Walking feet

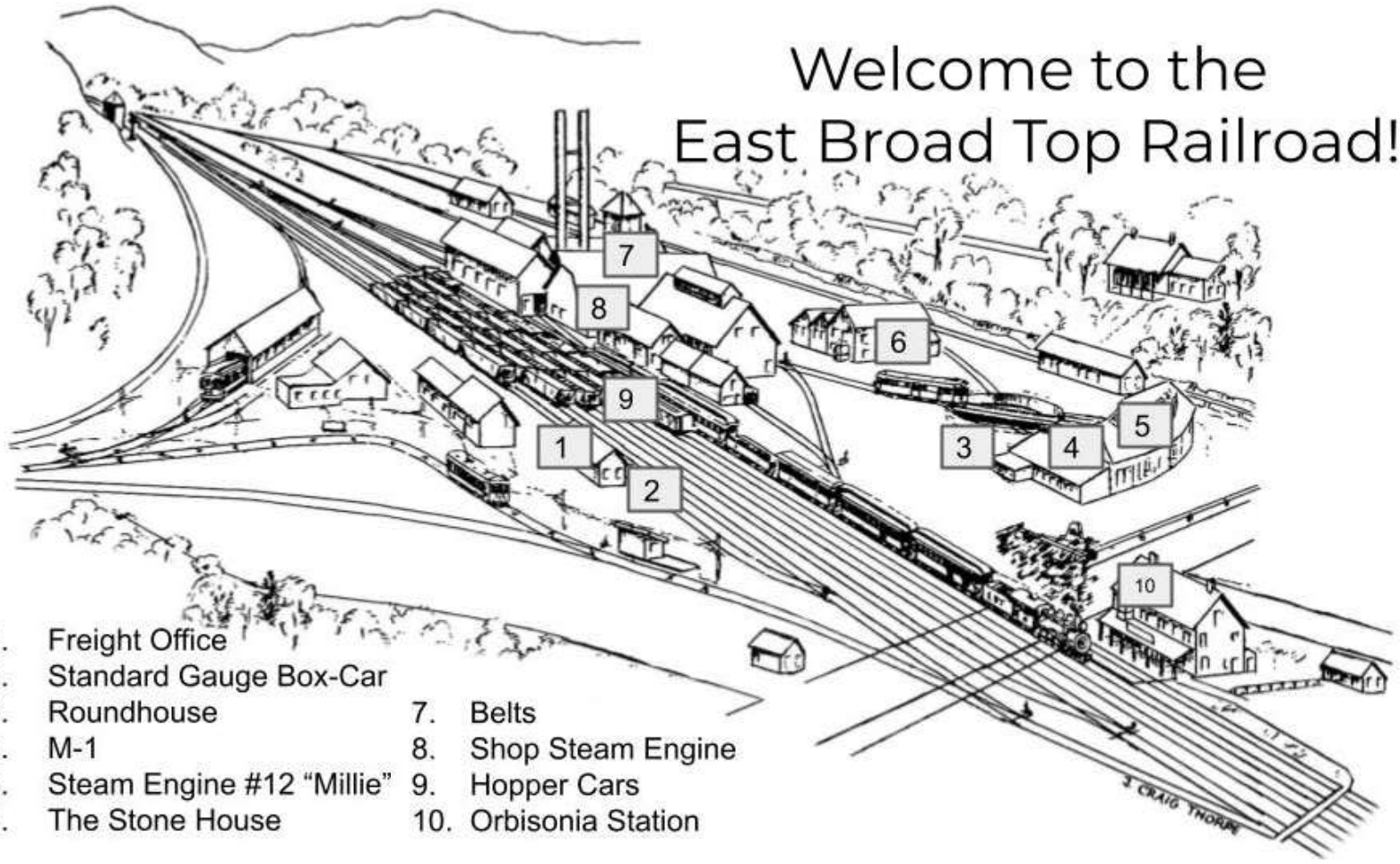
Indoor voices

Save food, drinks, or gum for later.

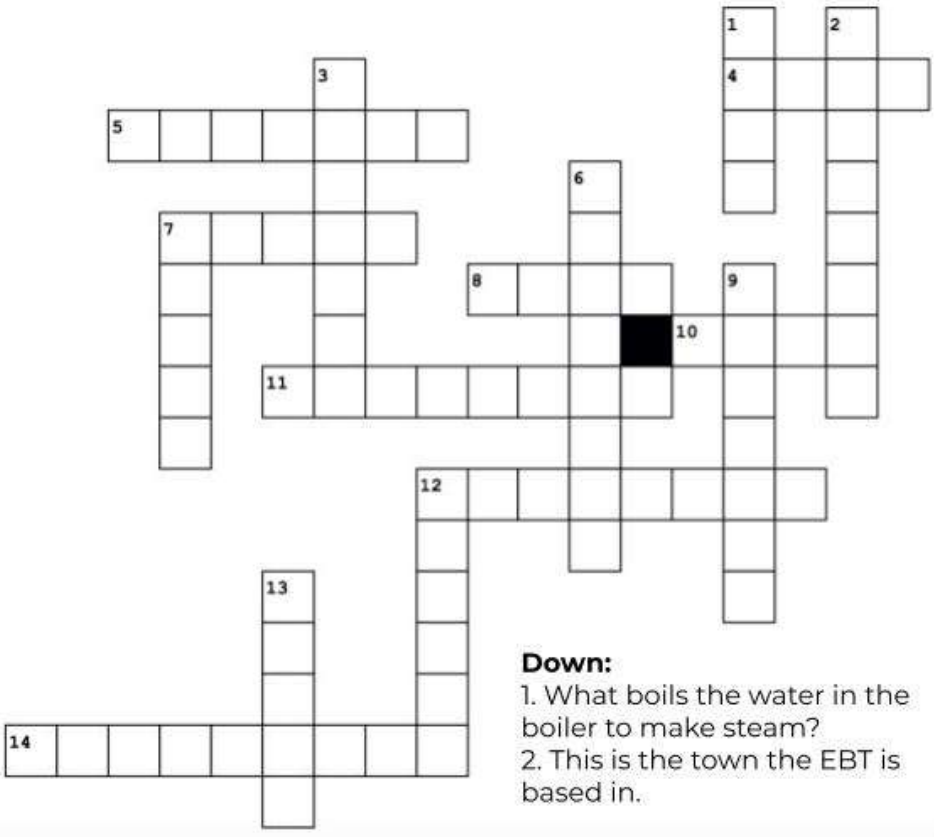


Stay with your group

Welcome to the East Broad Top Railroad!



1. Freight Office
2. Standard Gauge Box-Car
3. Roundhouse
4. M-1
5. Steam Engine #12 "Millie"
6. The Stone House
7. Belts
8. Shop Steam Engine
9. Hopper Cars
10. Orbisonia Station



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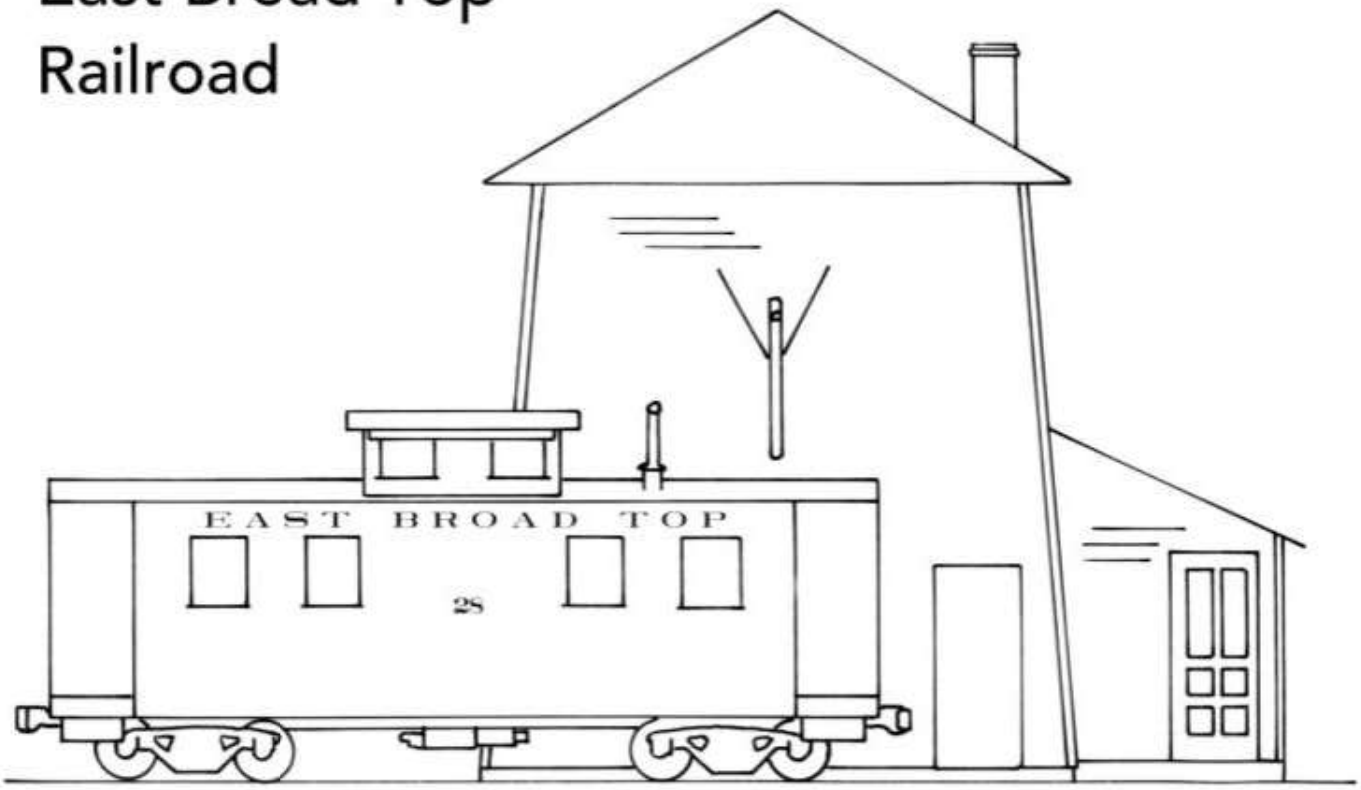

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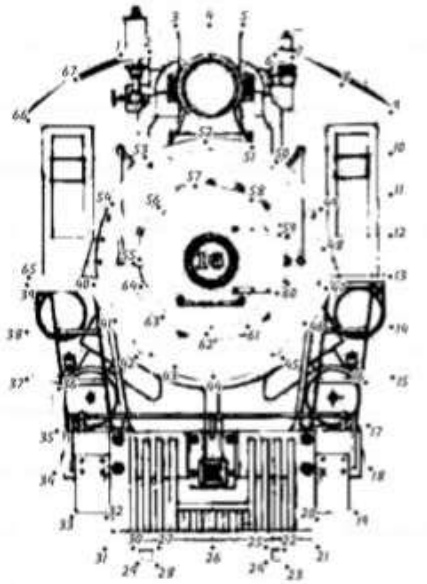
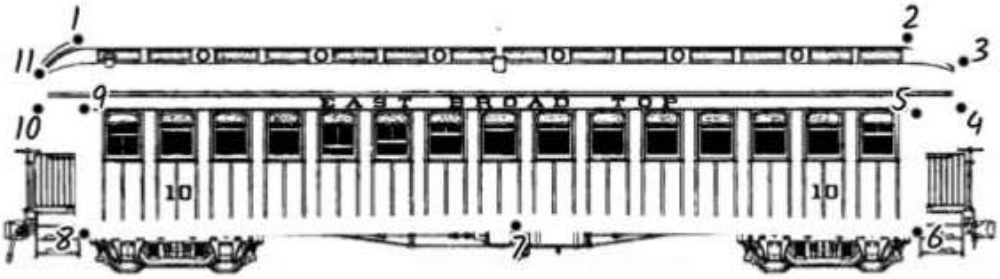
Matching Time!

Match the images below with the number on the map from the previous page!

Connect The Dots!

You'll see a lot of railroad equipment while at the East Broad Top Railroad. Connect the dots below to find our operating steam locomotive, and the coach you'll be riding in!





What type of car is on the left? _____

What type of car is on the right? _____

What's your favorite type of car you saw at the railroad?

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Draw your favorite thing you saw while at the railroad today!

What did you draw? _____

Why was it your favorite? _____