

# Answer Key: CPR 5W+H

#### What is the CPR?

- Canadian Pacific Railway
- Railway that goes across Canada

## Why was the CPR built?

- To unite Canada
- To get BC to join Canada
- Bring settlers and immigrants to new parts of Canada
- More efficient way to transport goods across the country

#### Who built the CPR?

- Prime Minister John A. MacDonald
- surveyors
- workers, including Chinese workers in BC

## Where was the CPR started and where did it end?

- started in Montreal, Quebec
- ended in BC, first in Port Moody and later in Vancouver

## When was the CPR started and completed?

- promised to BC in 1871
- surveyed the land from 1872-1882 (10 years)
- started construction in 1882
- completed last spike in 1885
- first passenger train in 1886

## How was the CPR built?

- Surveyors found the best and shortest route
- Had to cut down trees, flatten hills, blast tunnels, build bridges
- Made wooden railway ties, laid steel rails on each side, hammered spikes to hold in place, and filled in with gravel