

Railroad Exhibit

In the 1880s paddle steamboats helped move freight and passengers along the Indian River. Henry Flagler ran several steamboat lines to help support the construction of his railroads. People along the Indian River convinced Flagler to extend the railroad south to Daytona. By 1892 Flagler's Jacksonville, St. Augustine, and Indian River Railway Company reached New Smyrna and Titusville, and Cocoa and Rockledge in 1893. In 1908 Flagler became tired of maintaining his railway from the East Coast Railways mainline to Rockledge and tried to buyout the owners of the hotels who refused. On a Sunday morning when no judges were available Flagler sent a crew of workers to removed .6 miles of the track.

Flagler extended his railroad system farther south to Miami due to the severe freezes of 1894 and 1895. In 1895 the expanding of the rail line was renamed the Florida East Coast Railway before the completion of the rail construction south of Palm Beach. The hotels in Palm Beach became the winter resorts for the wealthy.

Flagler first visited Florida in 1878 and he saw the potential for a winter resort in Florida. In 1885 Flagler's first venture was the construction of the grand hotel Ponce De Leon in St. Augustine. His first major railway acquisition was the Jacksonville, St. Augustine, and Halifax railroad. Piece by piece Flagler acquired and joined existing lines.

Objectives:

First Grade:

Have an understanding of the various ways objects can move.

Compare how trains move and cars move.

Understand the history of the Florida railroad and what it tells you about the people and events of Florida.

Understand the main ideal or essential message of the Florida Railroad exhibit.

Compare and order whole numbers to 100.

Science:

SC.1.P.12.1 Demonstrate and describe the various ways that objects can move, such as in a straight line, zigzag, back-and-forth, round-and-round, fast, and slow.

What ways do trains move? Can you compare how trains move with how cars move?

Social Studies:

SS.1.A.2.1 Understand history tells the story of people and events of other times and places.

What does the history of the Florida railroad tell you about the people and events of Florida?

Reading and Language Arts:

LA.1.1.7.3 The student will retell the main idea or essential message;

After viewing and reading about the Florida Railroads have the student write down the main idea and essential message of the exhibit.

Mathematics:

MA.1.A.2.1 Compare and order whole numbers at least to 100.

Imagine that you have numerous trains with a different amount of passengers on each train.

27 passengers

16 passengers

34 passengers

57 passengers

4 passengers

60 passengers

86 passengers

73 passengers

9 passengers

100 passengers

41 passengers

Organize the trains from based on the number of passengers from smallest to greatest.