

Rails Change Florida

Trace how railroads and growing industries changed Florida.

SS.4.A.6 "Industrialization and Emergence of Modern Florida"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each sentence that begins with "Cause." Circle the Result sentence with the same number, then draw a line between each matching cause and result.

Tracks, Crops, and Growing Towns

- ① In the late 1800s, Florida had few paved roads, and travel between towns could take a long time. Cause 1: Railroad builders, including Henry Flagler and Henry Plant, laid tracks to many Florida communities. Result 1: Trips became faster, so towns near stations gained new hotels, stores, and residents. Railroads also linked Florida more closely with the rest of the country.
- ② Cause 2: Railroad cars carried Florida oranges and other crops to faraway buyers more quickly than wagons could. Result 2: Citrus groves expanded, and packing houses hired workers to sort, pack, and ship fruit. Cause 3: Many visitors from colder states came south during winter. Result 3: Hotels and resorts opened, creating jobs and helping tourism become an important Florida industry.
- ③ Cause 4: New railroad connections and growing industries brought more people and money into Florida. Result 4: Cities grew, and workers needed homes, schools, roads, and other services. These changes did not reach every Floridian in the same way, but they helped turn Florida from a mostly rural state into a place with busy towns, tourism, and larger businesses.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did railroad construction affect towns near stations?

2 What caused citrus groves to expand and packing houses to hire workers?

3 Why did hotels and resorts open in Florida?

4 What brought more people and money into Florida, and what did growing cities need as a result?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

YOUR TURN: Write two sentences predicting what could happen if a new train stop opened in a Florida town. Include the train stop as a cause and include two likely effects.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each sentence that begins with “Cause.” Circle the Result sentence with the same number, then draw a line between each matching cause and result. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did railroad construction affect towns near stations?	Travel became faster, and towns near stations gained hotels, stores, and residents.
2	What caused citrus groves to expand and packing houses to hire workers?	Railroad cars carried oranges and other crops to faraway buyers faster than wagons could.
3	Why did hotels and resorts open in Florida?	Visitors from colder states came to Florida during winter.
4	What brought more people and money into Florida, and what did growing cities need as a result?	New railroad connections and growing industries brought people and money. Growing cities needed homes, schools, roads, and other services.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A new train stop would make it easier for visitors and businesses to reach the town. More shops might open, and the town might need more roads and homes.

Accept equivalent cause-and-effect language that matches passage details. For Your Turn, accept a logical prediction that names the train stop as the cause and gives two distinct likely effects.