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ANALYZING TABLES AND FIGURES

The early railroads may seem to have linked different regions, but in fact they did not. Built with little regard for through traffic, they were designed more to protect local interests than to tap outside markets. The Civil War showed the value of fast long-distance transportation, and after 1865, railroad managers worked to provide it.

SKILL BUILDING

1. Create a line graph to represent the railroad construction from 1830 to 1920.
2. What percent of railroad construction occurred in each decade?
3. Plot these percentages in a bar graph.

READING THE GRAPH

4. The least amount of railroad was constructed in the decade of .
5. Which decade between 1851-1860, 1861-1870 or 1911-1920 had the most railroad construction?
6. What was the total amount of railroad construction from 1830 to 1920?

INTERPRETING THE GRAPH

7. Why was there so much railroad construction in the late 1800s?
8. Where were most of these railroads constructed?
9. Why were the railroads constructed where they were constructed?
10. How did the construction of railroads help the building of the nation?