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# Heritage Fair

## Editing Practice Worksheet

**Instructions:** Read the paragraph below carefully. Using colored pencils or highlighters, use the **Editing Checklist** to identify and highlight areas that can be improved. First, mark the paragraph individually, making notes about clarity, organization, and voice. Then, discuss your edits in pairs or small groups, explaining your suggestions to one another. Finally, we will review the paragraph as a class and discuss improvements together.

### Sample Paragraph:

The Canadian Pacific Railway was a very important thing in Canada's history. It helped people get across the country faster. Before it was built, traveling took a long time and was very hard. Many workers helped build it, including Chinese laborers who had to work in dangerous conditions. They used tools and dynamite to make tunnels through mountains. The railway helped people move west and made trade more easy. Today, it is still used by trains and is an important part of Canada's transportation system.

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### Editing Checklist:

- **Content Polish:** Does the paragraph fully explain its main ideas? Are there any vague or unclear points?
- **Organization Polish:** Do the sentences flow logically? Are there transitions connecting ideas?
- **Voice Polish:** Does the paragraph engage the reader? Could more descriptive or precise language be used?
- **Final Touches:** Are there any grammar, spelling, or punctuation errors?

### Discussion Questions:

- What is one area where the paragraph could be clearer?
- How could the paragraph be more engaging?
- Are there any facts that could be expanded upon?

After your group discussion, prepare a revised version of the paragraph incorporating your edits. Be ready to share your improvements with the class!

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