An Incredible Sacrifice

Story 5, Tracks 1–4
Spanish, Track 5

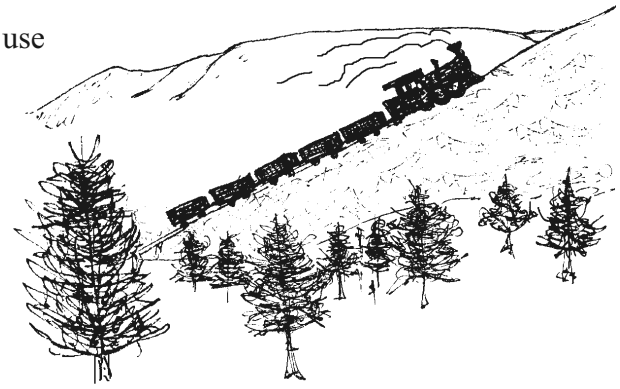
Review Key Words[1]

cinders Cinders are small pieces of things, like coal or wood, that are burning without a flame.

dynamite Dynamite is a material that people use to blow things up.

engine An engine is the car on a train that makes the train move.

smokestack A smokestack is a large chimney that lets out the smoke that is made when fuel is burned.



Write a Prediction

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Read the Story[2–4]

On November 7, 1907, the **fate** of a
8 Mexican town rested on the decision of one
16 man. On that day, a train worker named
24 Jesús García was to drive a load of
32 **dynamite** up a steep mountain to a **mine**.
40 But as he **fired up** the train's **engine**,
48 **cinders** flew from the **smokestack**. The
54 cinders landed on the train's load. A box of
63 dynamite started smoking. Soon a fire was
70 spreading.

71 García saw that the train was close to
79 the town of Nacozari. If the dynamite
86 exploded near the town, many lives would
93 be lost. Five thousand people lived there,
100 including García's family. **Fuel tanks** and
106 dynamite near the town would **magnify** the
113 disaster.

114 García ordered the other train workers
120 to jump off. Then he drove the train at full
130 speed up the winding mountain path, away
137 from town. If he made it to the top of the
148 mountain, he too could jump off the train.
156 Then the train would roll on alone down the
165 other side. But the blast came too soon.
173 García lost his life, but Nacozari was saved.

181 Mexico honors this **incredible**
185 **sacrifice**. November 7 was made a national
192 holiday. Songs, **monuments**, roads, and
197 postage stamps **commemorate** García's
201 brave act. And the town that owes its life
210 to Jesús García was renamed Nacozari de
217 García.
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Answer the Questions

1. What is the main idea of this story?
   a. Jesús García lost his life driving a load of dynamite up a steep hill.
   b. November 7 is a national holiday in Mexico honoring Jesús García.
   c. Jesús García's brave act saved many lives in the town of Nacozari.

2. What was the town of Nacozari renamed?
   a. Nacozari de García
   b. Mexico
   c. Jesús García

3. What does the word **commemorate** mean in this story?
   a. build
   b. sacrifice
   c. honor

4. Why didn't García jump off the train?
   a. He had to stop the train from blowing up.
   b. He had to drive the train away from the town.
   c. He had to get the train to the mine.

5. Why do you think Jesús García made his incredible sacrifice?

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6. Match each word with its definition.

1. fate	a. ___ a place to get minerals
2. incredible	b. ___ statues or buildings
3. monuments	c. ___ amazing
4. mine	d. ___ make stronger
5. magnify	e. ___ what will happen

7. Number the events below in the correct order.
   ___ García ordered the other train workers to jump.
   ___ García sped up the winding path away from Nacozari.
   ___ A box of dynamite started smoking, and soon a fire was spreading.
   ___ García lost his life, but Nacozari was saved.
   ___ García was to drive a load of dynamite up a mountain to a mine.

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Summarize the Story

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