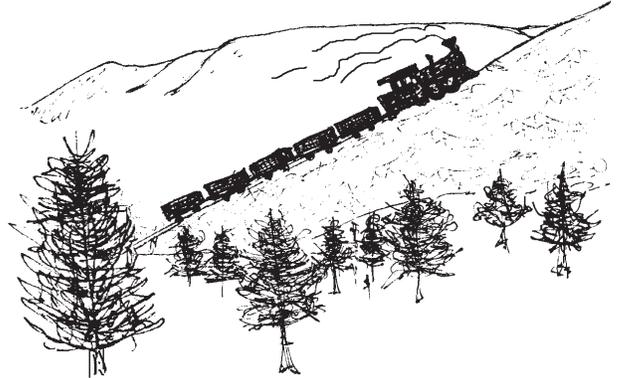


An Incredible Sacrifice

Review Key Words¹

- 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

Read the Story 2–4

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

78 García saw that the train was close
86 to the town of Nacozari. If the dynamite
93 exploded near the town, many lives would
100 be lost. Five thousand people lived there,
106 including García's family. **Fuel tanks** and
113 dynamite near the town would **magnify** the
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
164 the 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
191 national holiday. Songs, **monuments**,
195 roads, and postage stamps **commemorate**
200 García's brave act. And the town that
207 owes its life to Jesús García was renamed
215 Nacozari de 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. to build
 - b. to sacrifice
 - c. to 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?

6. Match each word with its definition.

1. fate	a. ___ a place to get
2. incredible	minerals
3. monuments	b. ___ statues or buildings
4. mine	c. ___ amazing
5. magnify	d. ___ to make stronger
	e. ___ what will happen
7. Number the events in chronological order.
___ García ordered the 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 saved Nacozari.
___ García was to drive a load of dynamite up a mountain to a mine.

Number Correct: _____

Summarize the Story

Number of Words Written: _____