

JUNIOR CONDUCTOR PACKET

PENNSYLVANIA TROLLEY MUSEUM

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Welcome to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum!



What is the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum?

The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum (PTM) tells the story of the Trolley Era to visitors of all ages. Trolleys were an important invention that helped people get from here to there and everywhere. PTM is committed to preserving trolleys, important artifacts, and historic documents for generations to come.

What is a Junior Conductor?

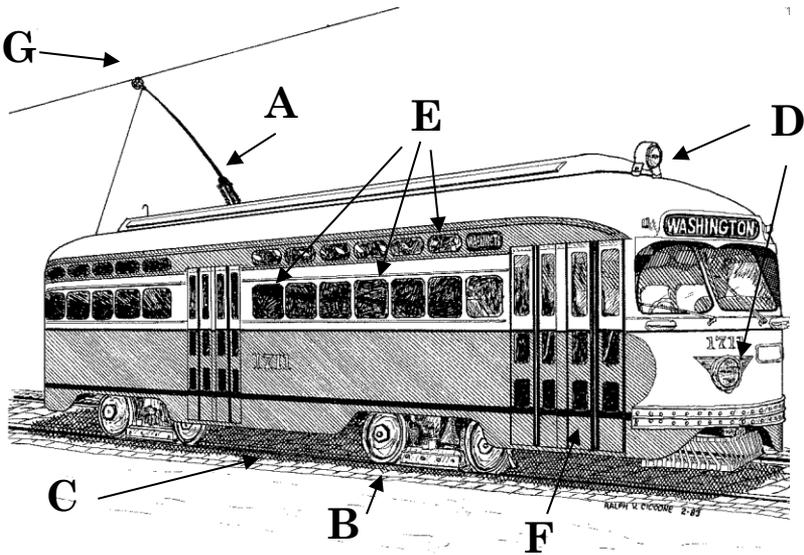
As a junior conductor, you will learn about one of the most electrifying periods in American history. You can help the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum keep this history alive by sharing your knowledge with your friends, neighbors, and community.

Complete the activities in this booklet while you explore the Museum and exhibits.

Along the way, if you need help, feel free to ask our volunteers, trolley operations crew, or staff if you have questions. We are happy to help you discover the history of the Trolley Era!

Trolley Parts

Can you match the letters to the trolley part names?



_____ Headlights

_____ Tracks

_____ Wheels

_____ Trolley wire

_____ Trolley pole

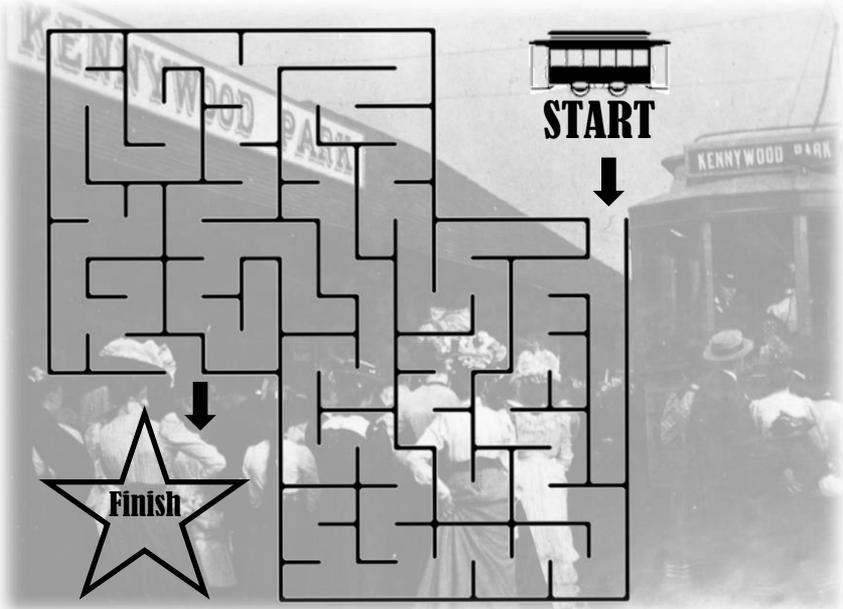
_____ Windows

_____ Door

Circle the destination sign. What did the destination sign say on the trolley you rode today?

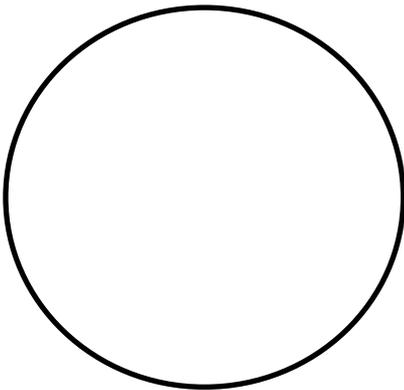
(D) Headlights (B) Wheels (A) Trolley pole (F) Door
(C) Tracks (G) Trolley Wire (E) Windows

Help the trolley find its way through Pittsburgh to Kennywood!



Did you know: People used to be able to take the trolley everywhere they wanted to go!

Design a Token

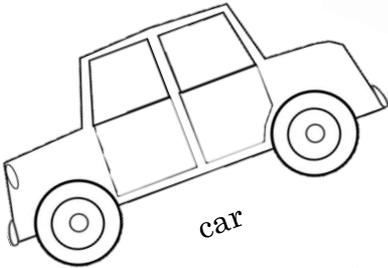


Passengers bought metal tickets, called tokens, to use as *fare* or payment for their rides. Tokens can have shapes or designs cut out from the middle so that they look and feel different from other coins.

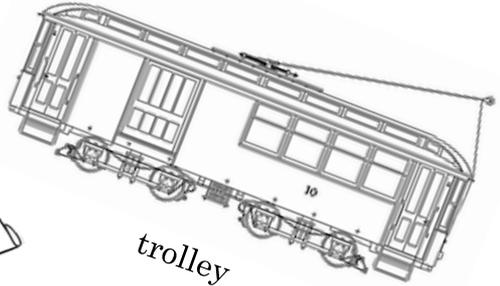
Tokens had unique designs depending on the location and trolley company. Create your own!

Road or rail?

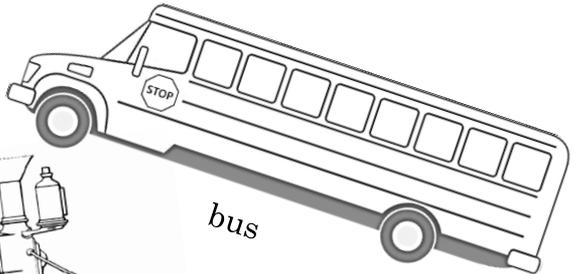
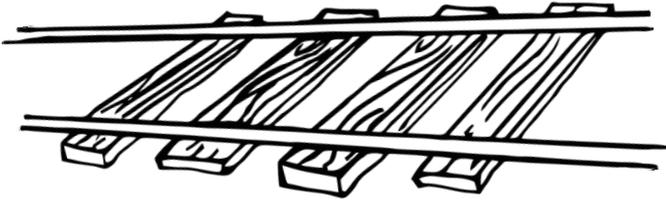
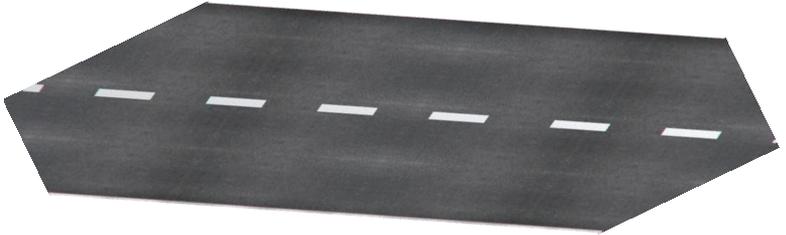
Draw a line from the vehicle to what it travels on



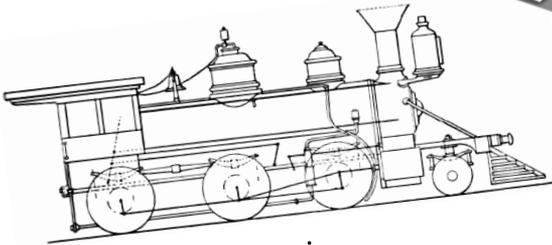
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trolley



bus



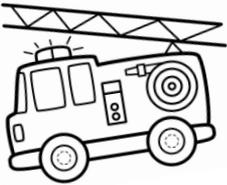
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What's That Noise?

The vehicles have lost their sounds! Help match them up by drawing a line.



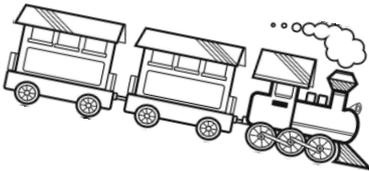
Weewwooooo!



Ding ding!



Beep beep!



Choo choooo!



Whoooooosh!



Vroom vroom!

Trolley Talk

Whenever you ride a trolley, you will hear the operator ring the bell any time the trolley moves. You may even hear the conductor say ‘ding ding!’ before you leave. This is trolley talk!

The sounds trolleys make are a way to let people know what the trolley is about to do. Anyone near the tracks will know which way the trolley is headed and if they need to get out of the way!

Look at the symbols below and practice saying them using “ding” or “honk”! Listen for the bells and horns on your next ride and check off which ones you hear!

Each • is a ding or short honk.

Each – means a long honk.

Did you hear
this pattern?

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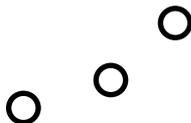
Go forward!

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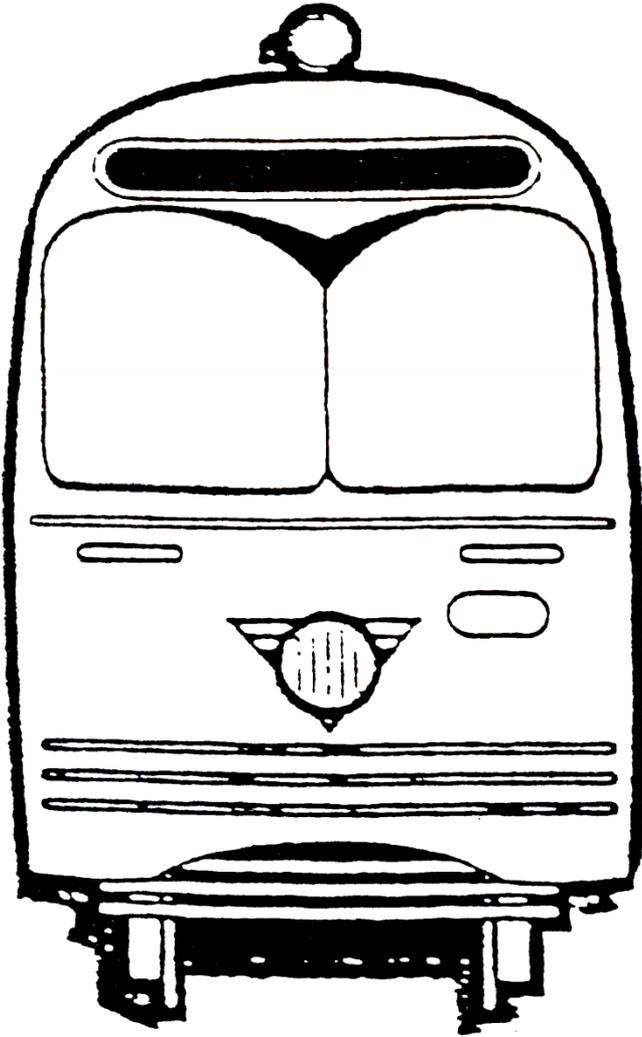
Back up!

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Approaching road crossing!



Be the Operator!



The conductor works with the operator on the trolley. While the conductor collects fares and keeps passengers safe, the operator “drives” the trolley. Draw yourself inside the trolley as the operator and color in the trolley. You can even add landmarks or places you travel to in the background!

Sights and Sounds of the Streetcar

A streetcar is another name for a trolley!



Which trolley did you ride today? What was its number?



What color was the trolley you rode?



Did you see any other trolleys during your visit? Describe them!



What did the trolley sound like? What noises did you hear during your ride?



How is riding in a trolley different than riding in your car? How is it the same?



Trolley Word Map

Circle the words that make you think about trolleys!

Wings

Streetcar

Bell

Tires

Tracks

Conductor

Water

SKY

Wheels

Trolley Terms

Conductor – the person who collects fares and keeps passengers safe on the trolley

Controller – handle and switch used by the operator to start and speed up a trolley

Destination Sign – sign on a trolley that tells riders what route it follows or where the trolley is headed

Electricity – form of energy that can make trolleys move

Fare – the money it costs to ride a trolley or bus

Gauge – the distance between the tracks. (PTM's tracks are 5 foot 2.5 inches apart, but most railroad and streetcar tracks are 4 foot 8.5 inches apart!)

Interurban – type of streetcar that travels longer distances and is usually bigger and faster than a streetcar inside a city

Museum – a place that cares for a collection of important objects and stories to share with visitors

Operator – the person who drives or operates the trolley

Streetcar – a vehicle that travels on rails in the streets

Token – metal ticket shaped like a coin used to pay fare

Trolley – a vehicle that travels on rails in the streets powered by electricity

Trolley Pole – transfers electricity from the wire overhead to the trolley

Trucks (Wheels) – a truck is a frame that holds the sets of wheels under the trolley

Thanks for visiting PTM!



We hope you enjoyed your day at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum! We would love to see your finished packets so please connect with PTM on social media.

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Your name

Date