

# Reading Railroad Heritage Museum

## Curriculum Overview

### Exploring People (PreK – Grade 1)

- Railroad jobs
- Goods & services
- Types of cars

### Exploring Communities (Grades 1-3)

- Settlement patterns
- Ethnic groups & customs
- Local historical figures
- Types of communities

### Exploring Transportation & Communication (Grades 4-6)

- Impact of turnpike & canals
- Telegraph
- Timetables
- Development of towns/historic places
- Labor relations
- Mail delivery

### Exploring Commerce & Industry

- Mines (coal & iron)
- Canals and the railroad
- Unions
- Commercial leaders
- Molly Maguires
- Competition and advertising

### Exploring Patterns & Change (Grades 10-12)

- Suburban sprawl
- Industry and service
- PA Historical markers
- Coal towns
- Turnpike
- WWI and WWII