# The First Transcontinental Railroad

**Why Build a Transcontinental Railroad?**

**Getting started...**

- **Choosing a route**

- **Conquering the Sierra Nevada**

- **Gaining government support**

- **Who will pay?**
Who made it possible?

- Key Players
  - Grenville Dodge
  - Theodore Judah

What made it possible?

- Pacific Railway Act (July 1, 1862)

The Game Plan

Significance of the Railroad