

## **Ride the Trolley**

### **Objective:**

Use the map and associated activity to learn about transportation in early Aurora. Learn how to read the map, plan a route, and compare past public transportation to present day public transportation. At the end of the activity, you earn a trolley token and can hop on board trolley trailer car #610 (viewing the photos and video).

### **Included Materials:**

Trolley Trips 1 & 2  
Destination Pictures  
Trolley Tokens

### **Online Materials:**

[https://www.auroragov.org/things\\_to\\_do/aurora\\_history\\_museum/learn/teacher\\_resources](https://www.auroragov.org/things_to_do/aurora_history_museum/learn/teacher_resources)

Route Map (PDF) – Printed or Digital  
Trolley Trailer No. 610 History (PDF)  
Trolley Trailer No. 610 Video (1:25)

### **Instructions:**

1. Review the Trolley Trailer No. 610 history provided on the Aurora History Museum website.
2. Print out the provided trolley stops or substitute items that can represent each trolley stop.
3. Print out the provided tramway tokens or make your own.
4. Give each student the trolley stop images and the Colfax Avenue map.
5. They will look at the map and trolley stops to identify the associated locations on the map.
6. Read the short story about a family that needs to use the trolley line to run some errands. You can pick either trip 1 or trip 2 or both. Feel free to invent and share your own as well.
7. Each trip will have an activity for students to complete.
8. Once they have successfully completed the activity, give your student(s) a trolley token.
9. Explain that the tokens were needed to show a person had paid to board the trolley car.
10. Watch the Trolley Trailer No. 610 video on the museum Education page and look at the pictures of the trolley.

## **Hoery Family Errands**

Mr. Robert Hoery lived near the intersection of Smith and Chambers road with four of his eight children. He would often go to Aurora to run errands and always began his trip at the Peoria and Colfax station. When Mr. Hoery went into town, he always stopped at the closest errand first.

Each picture represents a stop Mr. Hoery and his family made on one of their trips into town. Match the pictures to locations on the map to put his stops in order. After you have put the stops in order, check your route to see if you're correct.

Once you have your answer, you earned a token! Click the link to watch the video and see pictures of the restored trolley trailer at the Aurora History Museum.

## **Hoery Family Errands**

### Trip 1

Mr. Robert Hoery lived near the intersection of Smith and Chambers road with four of his eight children. On Saturdays, he would take his children and go to Aurora to run errands for the family. They always began their trip at the Peoria and Colfax station and returned there when their trip was completed.

One particular Saturday, Mr. Hoery needed to visit the town hall to settle a fencing dispute on his property and visit Hopper Bros. Groceries for some spices and sugar. His daughter Annie came with him because she wanted to visit the Fairview Rabbitry and his son Fred had an appointment with Dr. Starbird. The family set off together and completed each errand based on how close it was to their home.

Each picture represents a stop the Hoery family made. Use the pictures and the map to put their stops in order. After you have put the stops in order, talk about which trolley stop you would have used to go to each location.

## Hoery Family Errands

### Trip 2

Mr. Robert Hoery lived near the intersection of Smith and Chambers road with four of his eight children where he leased 320 acres of farmland and raised garden crops. One evening, he decided to head into town to take care of a few errands. His farm needed a new apple tree so he visited the Oske's at their tree farm. He also wanted to stop by Hopper Bros. Groceries and visit an old friend, Mr. Johnson, at Fitzsimons before heading home. As always, Mr. Hoery started his trip at the Peoria and Colfax station and returned there when his errands were finished. He visited Mr. Johnson last.

Use the pictures and the map to create an itinerary for Mr. Hoery's trip. If the trolley takes five minutes to reach each stop and Mr. Hoery spent 15 minutes at each of his destinations, how long did his trip take?

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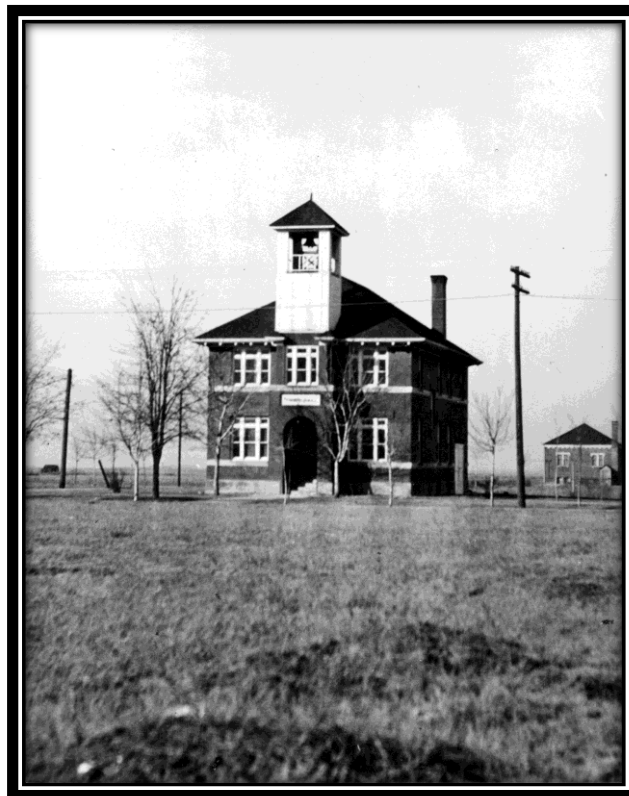
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