

# PERFECT POSTCARDS

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**P**icture yourself riding the rails across the Illinois countryside! You are taking a train trip across your home state. Send postcards to your friends from the places you visited that describe what you saw and learned during your vacation.

**1** Choose four locations from the list or from your own knowledge of Illinois landmarks. Mark them on your map.

**2** Research each place and take notes below describing what you would see and learn on your imaginary visit. Remember to include the names of your sources.

Research Notes

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of place)

Postcard Ideas: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of place)

Postcard Ideas: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of place)

Postcard Ideas: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

**4.** \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of place)

Postcard Ideas: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

## Bonus!

For extra credit, finish planning your train trip using the station stops and schedules at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)!

**3** Get four index cards from your teacher and create postcards using your notes. On one side, draw or cut out photos of the landmarks you selected; on the other side, write a short three- to four-sentence letter to your classmates describing what you learned about each place.

## Illinois Landmarks

- 1. Lovejoy Homestead** (Princeton, IL)
- 2. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum** (Springfield, IL)
- 3. Cahokia Mounds** (Collinsville, IL)
- 4. Shawnee National Forest** (Southern IL)
- 5. Sears Tower** (Chicago, IL)
- 6. Farm Creek Section** (East Peoria, IL)
- 7. Ulysses S. Grant Home** (Galena, IL)
- 8. Hull-House Museum** (Chicago, IL)
- 9. Lincoln Tomb** (Springfield, IL)
- 10. Rock Island Arsenal Museum** (Rock Island, IL)
- 11. University of Illinois Observatory** (Urbana, IL)
- 12. Lyman Trumbull House** (Alton, IL)
- 13. Old State Capitol** (Springfield, IL)
- 14. Old Main, Knox College** (Galesburg, IL)
- 15. Morrow Plots, University of Illinois** (Urbana, IL)