

Name _____

Date _____

John Henry

Why do birds fly south? Because it is too far to walk.



He was born with a _____ in his hand. That's what the tall _____ tell us about John Henry. He was a famous _____. His parents knew that he was special when he was _____. As a boy, he loved to use his dad's hammer. Most people hammer _____

_____ into wood. John _____ hammered spikes into rock. That was his job. He was the best at his job.

He worked for the _____. His job was to dig tunnels through mountains. One day there was a contest. The _____ was to see who could dig faster, man or machine. John Henry raced the _____ and won. In the _____ tale, _____ Henry died after winning the contest. He is said to have died with a hammer in his _____

born	machine	tall
Henry	John	American
hammer	railroad	tale
hand	contest	nails

Write a sentence about John Henry and Balthuse on the back of this paper.