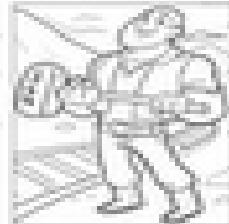


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John Henry

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

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