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## The Loop

1. **Georgetown and Silver Plume are about 2 miles apart. How long is the track that loops between them?**
   A) Half a mile
   B) About 4.5 miles
   C) Twenty miles
2. **Where does the track cross over itself?**
   A) On a high bridge
   B) In a tunnel
   C) At a station
3. **Which mining town was the railroad trying to reach?**
   A) Aspen
   B) Cripple Creek
   C) Leadville

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BOOK 7 Answers · Card 1

1 **B**
The long way around lets the train climb slowly.

2 **A**
The High Bridge stood about 95 feet above Clear Creek.

3 **C**
It never got there. The line stopped a little past Silver Plume.



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## The High Bridge

1. **What did chief engineer Robert Stanton find wrong with the new bridge?**
   A) It was too short
   B) It was painted the wrong color
   C) Some of its columns were put up backward
2. **How long did it take crews to take the bridge apart and build it again?**
   A) About six weeks
   B) One afternoon
   C) Three years
3. **What stood under each leg of the High Bridge's iron towers?**
   A) A wooden post
   B) A granite pier
   C) A block of ice

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BOOK 7 Answers · Card 2

1 **C**
He refused the bridge until the company fixed it.

2 **A**
They did it in the middle of winter.

3 **B**
Sixteen granite piers held up the four towers.



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## Silver Towns

1. **What was Georgetown's nickname?**
   A) The Silver Queen
   B) Gold Town
   C) The Iron City

2. **Silver Plume's miners came from many places. Which one was among them?**
   A) Japan
   B) Cornwall, in England
   C) Brazil

3. **What happened to the silver towns in 1893?**
   A) They got their first railroad
   B) Georgetown became the state capital
   C) The price of silver crashed and the boom ended

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BOOK 7 Answers · Card 3

1 **A**
About 3,300 people lived there in 1880.

2 **B**
Irish, German, Italian and Scandinavian miners worked there too.

3 **C**
By 1930, Silver Plume had only about 125 people.



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## Life in 1883

1. **How did most men hold up their trousers in the 1880s?**
   A) Belts
   B) Suspenders
   C) Rope

2. **What did Cornish miners leave in the mine for the Tommyknockers?**
   A) A bit of pasty crust
   B) A candle
   C) A silver coin

3. **How could you send money across the country in 1883?**
   A) By email
   B) By carrier pigeon
   C) By telegraph

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BOOK 7 Answers · Card 4

1 **B**
Belts were rare until the 1900s.

2 **A**
Miners told stories about little creatures who lived in the mines and knocked on the walls.

3 **C**
Western Union had been sending money by telegraph since 1871.



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## Then and Now

1. **In what year did trains stop running on the Loop?**
   A) 1890
   B) 1938
   C) 2001

2. **What can visitors do at the Georgetown Loop today?**
   A) Ride a train over a rebuilt High Bridge
   B) Drive their cars across the old bridge
   C) Ski down the old track

3. **In 1879, how could you get over Loveland Pass on the way to Leadville?**
   A) By car
   B) By train
   C) On a mule or a horse

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**BOOK 7** Answers · Card 5

1 **B**
Fewer people rode it every year in the 1920s and 1930s.

2 **A**
The Loop was rebuilt in 1984.

3 **C**
The new trail was too narrow for wagons.



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