

## **Exploring Diversity in Pennsylvania History**

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania

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INSTITUTE FOR ETHNIC STUDIES

Working on the Rails

**Student Worksheet** 

## "What Italians are Doing on the Pennsylvania Railroad" June 17, 1914

1.	What position do most Italian employees on the Pennsylvania Railroad hold? What kind of work is involved in this position?
2.	According to this article, why should Italian workers learn English? Provide at least two reasons.
3.	What were some of the benefits to working for the Pennsylvania Railroad?
4.	The article highlights the backgrounds and accomplishments of several Italian employees. What do all of these men have in common? What is the purpose of featuring their stories?
5.	Does the company benefit from its employees learning the English language? Explain.