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Trolley Parks

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When the park was built in 1897, how much did it cost to ride the trolley to Norumbega, and enter the park? Solve the cryptogram below to find out.

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<u>Trolley Parks Cryptogram Solution Page</u>

Teachers: The cryptogram table on the puzzle page has been left blank, so you can customize it by adding in as many numbers as you think your students will need. Keep the table completely blank for your most advanced students, or fill in some of the numbers for clues.

Use the cryptogram as a stand-alone activity, or as part of a unit. For example, your class can study the development of public transportation in the early 20th century, or research the fate of trolley parks once highways were built and cars became more commonplace. This puzzle could also lead to a discussion about inflation. Fifteen cents might seem like a small amount of money now, but what could 15¢ buy in the year 1900? What would a trolley ride and entrance into an amusement park cost today?

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