



Legend has it that in 1945, the Nazis filled a train with up to 300 tons of gold, jewels, and masterpieces and then drove it into secret tunnels in an area of Germany which is now part of Poland.

There is no evidence that the train or any trains ever existed and searches have been **fruitless**.

A group of Polish **enthusiasts** decided to build a full-size replica of this famous train, and the group is building it in a **former** wood processing factory. So far, the group has built an armoured wagon, which is over 12 metres long. Next, the enthusiasts will build three armoured freight **cars** and an armoured locomotive.

Then they will rearrange everything and connect it to a tunnel, which will give the impression that the train has arrived to be loaded. The group hopes that it will become a tourist attraction which will revive the area's popularity.

Difficult words: **fruitless** (useless, without results), **enthusiast** (a person who is very interested in something), **former** (ex-), **freightcar** (a railway wagon for carrying freight – cargo, things).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *fruitless, enthusiast, former and freightcar*
2. What is the legend of the Nazi train about?
3. Did anyone ever find the train?
4. What have Polish enthusiasts decided to build?
5. What does the group need to make in order to build the replica of the train?
6. How are they going to make the train look as if it has arrived ?
7. Why did the group of Polish enthusiasts decide to make the train?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Have you heard about lost treasure in your country? Can you tell me more about it?
2. Have there been reports about lost treasures in the past that were found after many years?
3. If you came across a chest of treasure while digging in the backyard, what would you do?