

The MOUNTAIN MEN

Joe Meek Becomes a Mountain Man

Chapter 1 – Joe Leaves Home

Joe Meek grew up on a Virginia tobacco farm. He and his stepmother did not get along, so when he was 18, Joe ran away from home. He reached St. Louis where he met Captain Bill, who worked for the Rocky Mountain Fur Company. At first Captain Bill thought Joe was too young and inexperienced, but Joe finally talked his way into a job.

Chapter 2 – On the Trail

Since Joe was the youngest man in the party, he had all the worst jobs, getting up at four a.m., letting the animals out to graze, and starting fires. In Independence, Missouri, the party bought supplies, and Joe's friend Pete said goodbye and left. Just when Joe thought they would never reach the mountains, the captain pointed ahead – and there they were!

Chapter 3 – In Camp

Joe had to collect wood, build fires, care for the animals, and stand guard. He envied the trappers. One day, a bunch of Indians rode up. The men raised their guns, but the Indians were peaceful and let them continue on their way. Abe Moss was with the group. He saw that Joe's rifle was dirty and deducted \$5 from his paycheck for having it cleaned by someone else.

Chapter 4 – Standing Guard

One cold night, Joe and a man named Reese were standing guard. Both went to sleep at their outposts. They were almost caught when the captain made his rounds, but Reese used his wits. He pretended they did not answer the captain's call because Indians were nearby. A close call, and it made them temporary heroes.

Chapter 5 – Trapper at Last

When Captain Bill decided Joe was ready to trap, he sent him out with a man name Fitz, who taught Joe the many steps he needed to know to trap beavers. Fitz also taught him how to get rid of lice by laying his clothes on an ant hill. (The ants ate the lice.) Back at camp, five horses were stolen in an Indian raid.

Chapter 6 – The Bear

One day, Joe was out trapping with a man named Craig. Suddenly they came face to face with a huge bear. Joe climbed a tall pine tree, but Craig was not so lucky. He found a smaller, less sturdy tree. The bear tried over and over to grab him, but finally gave up and ran into the woods.

Chapter 7 – Winter and Springtime

Joe could not go back to camp because Indians were nearby. For six days he wandered alone and lost in the mountains. Starving, he was reduced to eating ants and roasting crickets. He finally shot a mountain sheep and had a good meal. Instead of hiding, he joined some Indians who had taken over his camp site.

Chapter 8 – Found at Last

On day six, Joe climbed a mountain. He couldn't believe his eyes as he beheld land that was smoking and boiling, water and gases shooting into the air. He discovered a spring and took a warm bath. When he heard gunshots, he followed the sound and stumbled upon Reese and Craig. Found at last!

VOCABULARY

gurgled	reckoned	listened	supplies
Nez Perce	complained	usually	laughed
tobacco	prairie	expensive	soothing

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Students will research and discuss:

- When and how horses first came to this country
- Cultures in which people eat insects like ants and crickets, and why
- What causes geysers and hot springs

WORD PUZZLE

Hidden in the puzzle are 15 words that can be found in *Joe Meek*. Some letters are part of more than one word. Draw a circle around the word when you find it. The 15 words to look for are listed below the puzzle.

T	R	A	P	P	E	R	S	T	U	M
O	C	D	A	F	G	E	H	J	K	O
G	L	M	R	N	O	C	P	Q	R	U
E	S	U	T	U	X	K	T	O	W	N
T	Y	Z	Y	A	C	O	D	G	E	T
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E	G	S	H	L	J	M	L	M	O	L
S	E	T	T	L	E	R	S	R	S	K

trappers
elk
mountain

together
get
last

tall
west
reckon

party
wagon
prize

horse
town
settlers

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Read the words from *Joe Meek Becomes a Mountain Man* below. Then choose the correct word to complete each sentence. Write it in the blank.

stepmother	Virginia	bear	worst
lice	rifle	Yellowstone	days
geysers	Indians	supplies	fall

1. Joe grew up on a tobacco farm in _____.
2. Joe and his _____ did not get along.
3. Joe got the _____ jobs in camp.
4. The trapping party bought _____ in Independence, Missouri.
5. Captain Bill smoked a peace pipe with the _____.
6. Joe was fined \$5 for a dirty _____.
7. Fitz showed Joe how to get rid of _____.
8. Joe and Craig climbed trees to get away from a _____.
9. The best trapping seasons were spring and _____.
10. Joe was lost in the mountains for six _____.
11. Joe was astonished by the hot springs and _____.
12. John Colter was the first man to see _____.

UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS

Unscramble the letters to form words from *Joe Meek*. Write the words in the spaces on the right. As a hint, the first letter of each word has already been used.

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|-----|-----------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1. | N C R O | C | ___ | ___ | ___ | |
| 2. | U F S R | F | ___ | ___ | ___ | |
| 3. | H O T S | S | ___ | ___ | ___ | |
| 4. | A C P M | C | ___ | ___ | ___ | |
| 5. | R F E I | F | ___ | ___ | ___ | |
| 6. | U R O H | H | ___ | ___ | ___ | |
| 7. | A E R F | F | ___ | ___ | ___ | |
| 8. | N E I P | P | ___ | ___ | ___ | |
| 9. | R E D E | D | ___ | ___ | ___ | |
| 10. | M R A W | W | ___ | ___ | ___ | |
| 11. | O H E S | S | ___ | ___ | ___ | |
| 12. | K S N I | S | ___ | ___ | ___ | |
| 13. | E A M N | N | ___ | ___ | ___ | |
| 14. | E T A M | M | ___ | ___ | ___ | |
| 15. | T A W R E | W | ___ | ___ | ___ | ___ |

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Jim Bridger – The Last Mountain Man

Chapter 1 – Getting Started

After they were orphaned, Jim Bridger and his sister lived with an aunt. First, he farmed, and then he ran a ferry on the Mississippi River. Later, he worked as a blacksmith's helper. It was here that he met Tom Fitzpatrick ("Fitz"), who suggested he work for the Rocky Mountain Fur Company and learn to trap beavers in the Rocky Mountains.

Chapter 2 – The Prairie Dog

The company had hard luck. One of its ships sank in the Missouri River. Some of the men grew sick. One died. While traveling through the Great Plains, they saw thousands of buffalo. Each man ate as much as eight pounds of buffalo meat every day. They also learned to catch and eat prairie dogs.

Chapter 3 – Deserters

The party wintered near the Yellowstone River where they traded with Indians. In the spring, they rode horses into the Rocky Mountains and trapped beavers. In July, twenty men led by a man named Weeb deserted. Wounded, Weeb came back after an Indian attack. It was then that Bridger decided he would rather live and hunt alone.

Chapter 4 – The Arrow Head

For the next four years Bridger led trapping parties into the mountains, sometimes with Fitz. One spring day, Fitz and some of the men got into a fight with Indians. Another fight broke out when Bridger tried to intercede. Fitz managed to get one arrow out of Bridger's back, but part of another remained because it was in so deep.

Chapter 5 – The Mountain Men's Last Days

After Bridger married in 1835, he left his wife to continue trapping. When a friend, Joe Meek, was captured by Indians, he showed them where Bridger and his party were camped. Bridger talked with the Indians and hugged them, as was their custom. He and the chief smoked a peace pipe and made a truce.

Chapter 6 – Fort Bridger

The price of a beaver fur had fallen, and after one more season, Bridger decided on a new endeavor. He built a fort on the Green River in Wyoming to serve wagon trains heading west. A group of Mormons led by Brigham Young stopped at the fort, and Bridger warned them about the Ute Indians.

Chapter 7 – Staying in the Mountains

Bridger's wife died shortly after the birth of their daughter. He left the child with family and became an army guide. After two years he returned to Fort Bridger. Relations with the Mormons were not good and came to a climax when a Mormon posse ravaged the fort. Bridger had already left for Kansas City to visit his daughter in school there. She was not especially pleased to see him.

Chapter 8 – Colonel Carr

When he was 62, Bridger was hired by Colonel Carr as a scout to help build a wagon road to Montana. There was continuing serious trouble with the Cheyennes, and 15 of Carr's men were killed. With Bridger's help, the U.S. finally got a treaty with the Cheyenne Indians.

Chapter 9 – Retirement

At 70 and almost blind, Bridger settled on a small farm in Missouri. One day he had a surprise visit from his daughter and her husband. She had forgiven him his neglect, and they had come to take care of him. Bridger died in 1881, the last of the mountain men.

VOCABULARY

Superior	moccasin	Virginia	boulder
emigrants	Mormon	Missouri	daughter
humid	posse	stomach	squirrel

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Students will research and discuss:

- Any two Indian tribes discussed in the book
- Why wearing furs is not as popular as it once was
- Kinds of supplies settlers would bring for their trip west
- Why the buffalo disappeared from the Great Plains

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Complete each sentence by drawing a circle around the correct word or words.

1. Jim got a job as a
cowboy blacksmith salesman
2. Jim learned to make his own
canoe saddle clothes
3. Trappers for the Rocky Mountain Fur Company trapped
beavers bears wolves
4. One Indian custom Bridger often used when meeting Indians was to
dance hug trade
5. Every year trappers gathered together in the
spring winter summer
6. The Army hired Bridger to find a
river route mine
7. When Bridger grew tired of trapping, he built a
boat fort tunnel
8. Bridger was wounded by
an arrow a gun a knife
9. Captain Carr's party had trouble with the
Cheyenne Ute Crow
10. When Bridger retired, he went to live
on a farm in a fort on a mountain

VOCABULARY

Circle the word in each line that doesn't belong.

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|-----|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| 1. | farm | ranch | river | fort |
| 2. | sister | corn | brother | father |
| 3. | west | east | south | shoes |
| 4. | buffalo | bear | boat | wolf |
| 5. | rain | stomach | hail | snow |
| 6. | river | evening | lake | ocean |
| 7. | boulder | rock | herd | stone |
| 8. | month | sky | year | week |
| 9. | winter | prairie | spring | fall |
| 10. | horse | donkey | contract | mule |
| 11. | yards | father | feet | inches |
| 12. | cities | fur | towns | villages |

VOCABULARY

All of the words below can be found in *Jim Bridger – The Last Mountain Man*. Read across and circle the correctly spelled word in each line.

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|-----|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| 1. | mountain | mountin | mountan | montain |
| 2. | mocasin | mockasin | moccasin | moccasan |
| 3. | praire | prairie | prarie | prairi |
| 4. | Cheyenne | Cheyene | Cheyenn | Chenney |
| 5. | emigrunt | emigrant | emigrint | emigrent |
| 6. | dawter | daughtur | daughtter | daughter |
| 7. | hewmid | humid | humed | hummid |
| 8. | squirrel | squirel | squirril | squrrel |
| 9. | stumach | stomach | stomac | stomak |
| 10. | bufalo | buffalow | buffalo | buffulo |
| 11. | people | peeple | peopel | poeple |
| 12. | languge | language | languag | langauge |

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Abe Moss – A Winter in the Rockies

Chapter 1 – To the Mountains

When Abe Moss first rode into the Rocky Mountains, his lack of experience made life very difficult. His beaver traps were empty. Game was scarce. He tried unsuccessfully to catch fish with his hands. One Indian wandered by without speaking, and Abe spotted a single wolf. Then after two months of silence, he heard a voice.

Chapter 2 – Bear Claw Jones

An old man came from behind the trees. Bear Claw Jones hunted grizzly bears and collected their claws. He showed Abe a necklace made of more than a hundred claws. He took Abe to his log cabin and cooked the hungry man a good meal of elk meat. Then he offered to help Abe become a true mountain man.

Chapter 3 – The Crow

Bear Claw taught Abe a lot about hunting, fishing, and Indians. One day they encountered a tribe of Crows. The chief demanded Abe's elk hide and in return gave Abe his daughter for a wife. Bear Claw advised him to take her even though he didn't really want a wife. That night Abe packed his gear, bid Bear Claw goodbye, and started walking.

Chapter 4 – The Storm

Winter was coming to the Rocky Mountains, and Abe feared he might have stayed there too long. It began to rain, and thick clouds forecast snow. As he hiked through a heavy fog, Abe began to look for shelter and continued to wish he had left the mountains.

Chapter 5 – The Cave

Behind a huge stone in a field, Abe found a small cave. Once inside, he immediately built a fire pit edged with stones to help keep out the wind. Starting a fire with a flint stone and a steel bar was difficult, but at last a small flame flickered. He gathered wet wood and placed it near his fire to dry. Wolves howled, snow drifted, but Abe was safe.

Chapter 6 – The Wolves

The wolves seemed to be closer. Abe blocked the cave opening with logs. The storm grew worse. Abe melted snow for tea and ate dried deer meat. Suddenly a wolf crashed into the log barrier. Abe could see his fangs. He fired his gun, and the wolf ran off followed by the rest of the pack. Abe spent a restless night.

Chapter 7 – The Leader of the Pack

It snowed for three weeks. One day when Abe was dragging logs, six wolves appeared. He fired, and all but one ran away. His gun jammed twice when he fired at that one, so he swung at it with his gun barrel. The wolf leaped. This time the gun worked. The wolf fell dead, but more wolves moved in. Abe killed two of them. Although hurt, he managed to skin the animals and bury the meat.

Chapter 8 – Abe’s Escape

Abe’s wounds healed slowly. A week later he found a dead deer. The smell of roasting venison drew the wolves, so Abe tossed them the inedible deer parts. To keep busy, he roasted strips of venison and built a sled. The snow stopped. He packed his gear on the sled. For two days he trudged through the snow and finally reached the foothills. Would he ever come back? He did not know.

VOCABULARY

hatchet	hungry	languages	taught
warrior	necklace	daughter	meadow
Laramie	questions	thought	wounds

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Students will research and discuss:

- Why and how wolves are sometimes relocated
- Well-known caves in the United States (example: Mammoth Caves in Kentucky)
- Characteristics of a blizzard vs. a snowfall
- A time when they have been very hungry

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Find the right answer. Put an “X” on the line in front of it.

1. Abe went into the mountains to hunt
☐ bears
☐ wolves
☐ beavers
2. Bear Claw took Abe to a
☐ fort
☐ cabin
☐ store
3. Bear Claw and Abe met some
☐ Crow Indians
☐ Ute Indians
☐ Cheyenne Indians
4. The first thing Abe did in the cave was
☐ chop wood
☐ cook food
☐ write a letter
5. Abe blocked the cave opening with
☐ bricks
☐ logs
☐ stones
6. Abe made a bed of
☐ leaves
☐ grass
☐ pine needles

7. Abe's rifle did not fire because of

_____ ice
_____ rust
_____ dirt

ANTONYMS, HOMONYMS, AND SYNONYMS

I. Connect the words that mean the opposite of each other (antonyms).

before	last
first	soft
west	fast
hard	after
wet	enemy
slow	young
friend	dry
old	east

II. Connect the words that sound the same but mean different things (homonyms).

deer	no
through	dear
two	knot
toe	too
know	daze
days	bare
not	tow
bear	threw

III. Connect the words that mean the same or almost the same (synonyms).

trail	noise
friend	grin
sound	path
big	creep
smile	fright
crawl	near
panic	large
close	pal

COMPOUND WORDS

I. Circle the 14 compound words from *Abe Moss – Winter in the Rockies* in the list below.

everywhere	country
questions	snowshoes
eyebrows	rifle
people	foothills
mountain	shelter
afternoon	Flatheads
squirrel	everything
feather	minute
snowflake	himself
language	backpack
cabin	powder
someone	necklace
outside	anyone

II. See if you can think of four compound words not in the list above.

1. _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____

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John Colter – the First Mountain Man

Chapter 1 – Starting Out

John Colter was a Kentucky farm boy who had always wanted to see the mountains and the Pacific Ocean. He heard about the Lewis and Clark expedition and decided to join it. He promised the girl he was going to marry he would be gone only one year.

Chapter 2 – Starting West

Lewis and Clark tested all of the men who wished to join them. They made them shoot, hunt, paddle boats, and tie knots. John, who was strong and healthy, was hired. They camped for the winter near St. Louis where they trained hard and packed their boats.

Chapter 3 – Departure

In May 1804, the expedition started up the Missouri River in one keel boat and three canoes. There were many problems with sandbars and floating logs, and some of the men had to be disciplined. After three months, near Omaha, Nebraska, they met a tribe of Oto Indians, who expected gifts and were given mirrors and blue beads.

Chapter 4 – Mandan Winter

That freezing winter the men built Fort Mandan near the Mandan Indians, who hospitably shared rations and advice on handling the sub-zero weather. In the spring the expedition left with Sacagawea, a Shoshone woman, who would help in buying horses from the Shoshone tribe. She soon gave birth to a baby boy whom she carried on her back. At Great Falls they had to carry their boats for 18 rough miles. It took 24 days.

Chapter 5 – The Shoshones

Sacagawea helped the expedition get horses from the Shoshones. Soon the members of the expedition were riding over the Continental Divide. It took them 11 days to get down to the flatlands. They were starving. They stayed three weeks with the Nez Perce Indians, who fed them and showed them how to make the canoes that would take them to the Pacific Ocean.

Chapter 6 – “Look, the Ocean!”

At last they reached the Columbia River. When its water grew salty, they knew they were near the Pacific Ocean. One foggy morning, there it was! After five miserable, rainy days, the men built a log fort where they spent a hard winter. In March they started home. On the way, they stayed a month with the Nez Perce. In June, the party crossed the mountains into Montana.

Chapter 7 – The Blackfeet

When they first encountered some Blackfeet Indians, they thought the Indians were friendly, but that night one of the Blackfeet Indians tried to steal a rifle. Colter saw his friend Jim Fields chasing two of them. Shots were fired, and Fields stabbed one of the Indians. Now two Indians were dead. Expecting real trouble, the men jumped on their horses and rode fast for 24 hours.

Chapter 8 – After the Expedition

On the way home they met two Americans who hired Colter to help them trap beaver. He stayed in the mountains a year, the first American man in the Rockies. He was just about to go home when he met Manuel Lisa. Lisa hired him for his trapping company, and on this job Colter explored places only Indians had ever seen. Later, when he talked about petrified forests, hot springs, and water shooting into the air, people laughed.

Chapter 9 – Still Trapping

Five years later, while still trapping beaver, Colter was captured by Blackfoot Indians. The only way he could get his freedom was to win a race. Somehow near the end of the race he escaped and ended up, exhausted, at Lisa's fort. Lisa told him to go home and marry the girl who was still waiting for him, and that's exactly what he did.

VOCABULARY

Nez	Perce	Louisiana	excited	Shoshone
petrified	territory	expedition	continental	
courted	Missouri	compasses	Sacagawea	

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Students will research:

- The Louisiana Purchase
- The lives of Lewis and Clark after the expedition
- The life of Sacagawea
- One Indian tribe mentioned in the book

SEQUENCING

Put the facts in the correct order. Number them 1-10.

- _____ Colter's father takes him to see the Atlantic Ocean.
- _____ The expedition buys horses from the Shoshone Indians.
- _____ The expedition meets with the Oto Indians near Omaha, Nebraska.
- _____ Two Blackfeet Indians are killed.
- _____ Colter becomes a guide for beaver trappers.
- _____ Colter joins the Lewis and Clark expedition.
- _____ Colter is captured by Blackfeet Indians.
- _____ The men of the expedition build Fort Mandan.
- _____ The expedition reaches the Pacific Ocean.
- _____ The expedition starts out on the Missouri River.

REMOVE A LETTER

Many words can be changed into new words by subtracting a letter. (Example: change *bold* into *old* by removing the letter *b*.) Remove a letter from each of the following words and write the new word on the line.

	Old Word	Letter Subtracted	New Word
1.	world	_____	_____
2.	farm	_____	_____
3.	hunt	_____	_____
4.	never	_____	_____
5.	west	_____	_____
6.	heart	_____	_____
7.	camp	_____	_____
8.	there	_____	_____
9.	spoke	_____	_____
10.	start	_____	_____
11.	bring	_____	_____
12.	snow	_____	_____

SYLLABLES

- I.
1. Pronounce each word.
 2. Draw a circle around each one-syllable word.
 3. Draw a square around each two-syllable word.
 4. Put a check next to each four-syllable word.

years	magic	rope
duty	chance	pole
explorer	mirror	degree
world	potato	petrified
farm	boats	month
captain	elephants	different
buffalo	food	river
day	telescope	territory
waterfall	expedition	animals
medals	tree	stars
magnet	buckskin	winter

- II.
- How many one-syllable words did you find? _____
- How many two-syllable words did you find? _____
- How many three-syllable words did you find? _____
- How many four-syllable words did you find? _____

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Jed Smith – California the Hard Way

Chapter 1 – A Young Man’s Dreams

Jed Smith had wanted to explore the mountains since he first read about them. He made his wish come true. He had many adventures as a guide and a mountaineer. One day he realized he wanted to go to California. Two men, Rob and Will, decided to go with him.

Chapter 2 – The Desert

First, the trio built a boat and floated down the Colorado River. Then they started walking through the desert with only 8 quarts of water. The water was soon gone. Luckily, they found a stream. That night they endured a terrible storm. They were swept away in a flash flood and eventually tossed onto land, where they dried their clothes and started out again.

Chapter 3 – The Mountain

The next morning, Jed awoke before the others, climbed a hill, and spotted a mountain about 50 or 60 miles away. He did not tell Rob and Will about this. That day they walked through miles of hot, flat land. After a rest they walked at night when it was cooler. They wrapped Will in blankets when he began to shake violently. Jed began a letter to Ann, a girl he knew back home.

Chapter 4 – Will Lies Down

The next day, Jed spotted a huge turtle but decided not to kill it. Back in camp he wrote to Ann about their misery. They rested through the day and planned to walk at night, but Will could not go on. They left him a rifle and some deer meat. In a few hours, they found a creek, and Jed started back for Will, carrying water.

Chapter 5 – Will Revives

Jed found Will unconscious under a small tree. He dribbled water on Will’s lips until Will awoke. Before long, Will felt strong enough to walk to the creek.

Chapter 6 – The Tipi

While they rested by the creek, Jed continued his letter to Ann. The next day they encountered a friendly Indian family who shared their food with the three men. After a day, they said goodbye to their new friends.

Chapter 7 – The Raft

When they reached a river, the men made a raft of grass tied into bundles. Jack tied one end of a rope to the raft and put the other end in his mouth so he could pull the raft. They put their gear and supplies in the raft. Rob and Will swam behind the raft. The strong current swept all three men away. Later they found one another along the river bank. The next day they left the flatlands, and Jed shot a deer.

Chapter 8 – California

A week later the men reached the Pacific Ocean. Later they found a mission. At first, the governor thought they might be unfriendly. He gave them horses and sent them on their way. When they got to the Sierra Nevada Mountains, they made a vow – no more deserts!

VOCABULARY

Cheyenne	explorer	promise	tobacco
governor	current	Joshua	California
Sierra	wilderness	typical	disappeared

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Students will research:

- How long human beings can live without water
- How desert plants, for example, types of cactus, store and use water
- The highest mountains in the world, and in the United States, and how tall they are
- The first person to climb Mt. Everest, and how he did it differently from climbers today

TRUE OR FALSE

If the sentence is true, write a “T” in front of it.

If the sentence is false, write an “F” in front of it.

1. _____ As a young man, Jed became interested in oceans.
2. _____ Jed Smith discovered South Pass.
3. _____ Jed’s family and friends wanted him to stay home.
4. _____ Jed and two friends decided to go to Florida.
5. _____ The men went into the desert with only 8 quarts of water.
6. _____ Nights in the desert are very hot.
7. _____ Jed, Rob, and Will were swept away in a flash flood.
8. _____ Clothes dry quickly in the desert.
9. _____ Some Joshua trees grow to a height of 30 feet.
10. _____ Jed found a turtle and killed it.
11. _____ The Indian family the men met was unfriendly.
12. _____ During rest periods, Jed wrote to Ann.

SYNONYMS

All the words below can be found in *Jed Smith – California the Hard Way*. Look at the first word in each line. Find another word in the line that means almost the same thing. Connect the two words.

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|-----|-----------|-----------|---------|--------|
| 1. | story | miles | tale | sand |
| 2. | hard | difficult | bush | brow |
| 3. | skills | desert | talents | hours |
| 4. | discover | doves | water | find |
| 5. | ocean | sea | sun | turtle |
| 6. | boat | rifle | people | ship |
| 7. | rocks | deer | stones | lips |
| 8. | quit | cloth | stop | kettle |
| 9. | sound | creek | joke | noise |
| 10. | tiny | small | thirst | hills |
| 11. | disappear | dirt | brush | vanish |
| 12. | sick | friend | ill | grass |

RHYMING WORDS

I. Connect the words that rhyme.

place	rice	near
nice	bell	tire
fire	round	fall
hear	race	sand
stream	tall	dream
yell	fear	found
sound	cave	gave
wall	beam	face
wave	band	fell
land	hire	mice

II. Connect these harder words that rhyme.

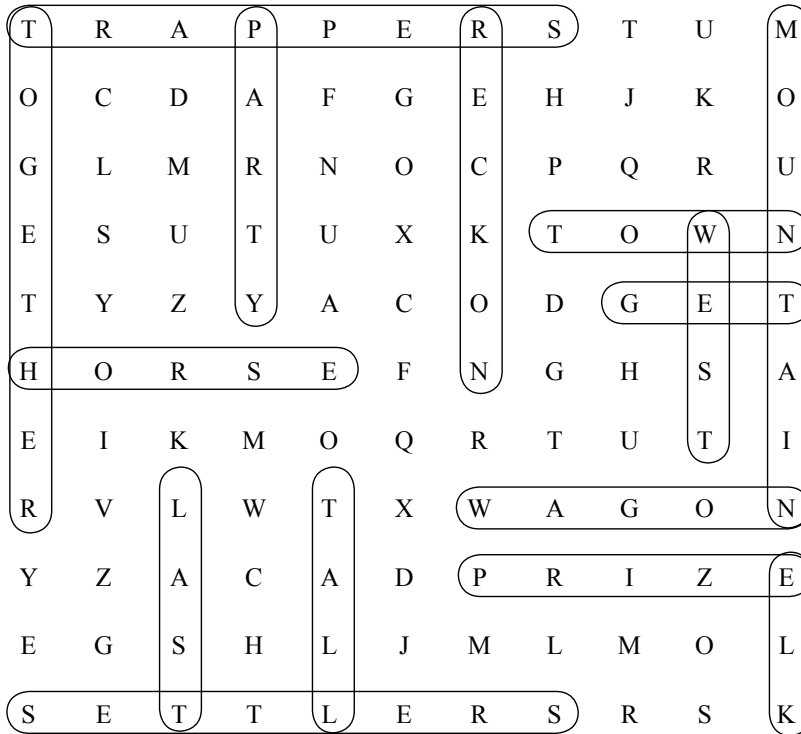
would	tower
night	raft
hour	hood
word	feet
laughed	loop
meat	heard
soup	mud
flood	bite

TUR MOUNTAIN MEN

ANSWER KEY

Joe Meek Becomes a Mountain Man

WORD PUZZLE



FILL IN THE BLANKS

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Virginia | 7. lice |
| 2. stepmother | 8. bear |
| 3. worst | 9. fall |
| 4. supplies | 10. days |
| 5. Indians | 11. geysers |
| 6. rifle | 12. Yellowstone |

UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS

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|---------|-----------|
| 1. corn | 9. deer |
| 2. furs | 10. warm |
| 3. shot | 11. shoe |
| 4. camp | 12. skin |
| 5. fire | 13. name |
| 6. hour | 14. meat |
| 7. fear | 15. water |
| 8. pine | |

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ANSWER KEY

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COMPLETE THE SENTENCE

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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. blacksmith | 6. route |
| 2. clothes | 7. fort |
| 3. beavers | 8. an arrow |
| 4. hug | 9. Cheyenne |
| 5. summer | 10. on a farm |

VOCABULARY

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| 1. river | 7. herd |
| 2. corn | 8. sky |
| 3. shoes | 9. prairie |
| 4. boat | 10. contract |
| 5. stomach | 11. father |
| 6. evening | 12.. fur |

VOCABULARY

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|-------------|---------------|
| 1. mountain | 7. humid |
| 2. moccasin | 8. squirrel |
| 3. prairie | 9. stomach |
| 4. Cheyenne | 10. buffalo |
| 5. emigrant | 11. people |
| 6. daughter | 12.. language |

THE MOUNTAIN MEN

ANSWER KEY

Abe Moss – A Winter in the Rockies

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. beavers
2. cabin
3. Crow Indians
4. chop wood
5. logs
6. pine needles
7. ice

I. ANTONYMS

before	last
first	soft
west	fast
hard	after
wet	enemy
slow	young
friend	dry
old	east

II. HOMONYMS

deer	no
through	dear
two	knot
toe	too
know	daze
days	bare
not	tow
bear	threw

III. SYNONYMS

trail	noise
friend	grin
sound	path
big	creep
smile	fright
crawl	near
panic	large
close	pal

COMPOUND WORDS

everywhere	snowshoes
eyebrows	foothills
afternoon	Flatheads
snowflake	everything
someone	himself
outside	backpack
	necklace
	anyone

THE MOUNTAIN MEN

ANSWER KEY

John Colter – The First Mountain Man

SEQUENCING

- 1 Colter's father takes him to see the Atlantic Ocean.
- 6 The expedition buys horses from the Shoshone Indians.
- 4 The expedition meets with the Oto Indians near Omaha, Nebraska.
- 8 Two Blackfeet Indians are killed.
- 9 Colter becomes a guide for beaver trappers.
- 2 Colter joins the Lewis and Clark expedition.
- 10 Colter is captured by Blackfeet Indians.
- 5 The men of the expedition build Fort Mandan.
- 7 The expedition reaches the Pacific Ocean.
- 3 The expedition starts out on the Missouri River.

REMOVE A LETTER

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|-----------|------|------------|-----------|------|------------|
| 1. world | l | word | 7. camp | m | cap |
| 2. farm | m, f | far, arm | 8. there | t | here |
| 3. hunt | n | hut | 9. spoke | s | poke |
| 4.. never | n | ever | 10. start | s, t | tart, star |
| 5. west | s | wet | 11. bring | b | ring |
| 6. heart | r, t | heat, hear | 12. snow | s, n | now, sow |

SYLLABLES

years	magic	rope
duty	chance	pole
explorer	mirror	degree
world	potato	petrified
farm	boats	month
captain	elephants	different
buffalo	food	river
day	telescope	✓ territory
waterfall	✓ expedition	animals
medals	tree	stars
magnet	buckskin	winter

One-syllable words 12

Three-syllable words 9

Two-syllable words 10

Four-syllable words 2

The MOUNTAIN MEN

ANSWER KEY

Jed Smith – California the Hard Way

TRUE OR FALSE

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| 1. T | 7. T |
| 2. T | 8. T |
| 3. T | 9. T |
| 4. F | 10. F |
| 5. T | 11. F |
| 6. F | 12. T |

SYNONYMS

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. story – tale | 7. rocks – stones |
| 2. hard – difficult | 8. quit – stop |
| 3. skills – talents | 9. sound – noise |
| 4. discover – find | 10. tiny – small |
| 5. ocean – sea | 11. disappear – vanish |
| 6. boat – ship | 12. sick – ill |

RHYMING WORDS

- I.
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|--------|-------|-------|
| place | rice | near |
| nice | bell | tire |
| fire | round | fall |
| hear | race | sand |
| stream | tall | dream |
| yell | fear | found |
| sound | cave | gave |
| wall | beam | face |
| wave | band | fell |
| land | hire | mice |
- II.
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| would | tower |
| night | raft |
| hour | hood |
| word | feet |
| laughed | loop |
| meat | heard |
| soup | mud |
| flood | bite |