

Let's Trade

You are a trader making your way to Santa Fe and decide to stop at Bent's Fort because you are low on food. Here bartering, or trading goods, is the primary method of "buying" items, not handing over cash. Figure out what you want to trade for and make sure it the total amount comes out even in each column. *You can ask a friend or family member for help!*

In your wagon

1 yard of cloth.....\$1.00
1 spool of thread.....30¢
1 hat.....\$2.00
1 steel knife.....\$1.50

Bent's Fort trade room

1 pound of beans.....20¢
1 water cracker.....2¢
1 pound of sugar.....\$2.00
1 pound of rice.....75¢

Trade Log

I am trading:		For:	
item _____	price _____	item _____	price _____
item _____	price _____	item _____	price _____
item _____	price _____	item _____	price _____

Ready for Your Badge?

1. Fill out your contact information:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

2. Photograph your completed booklet and email it to:

ntir_junior_ranger@nps.gov

Learn more about the trail at: nps.gov/safe

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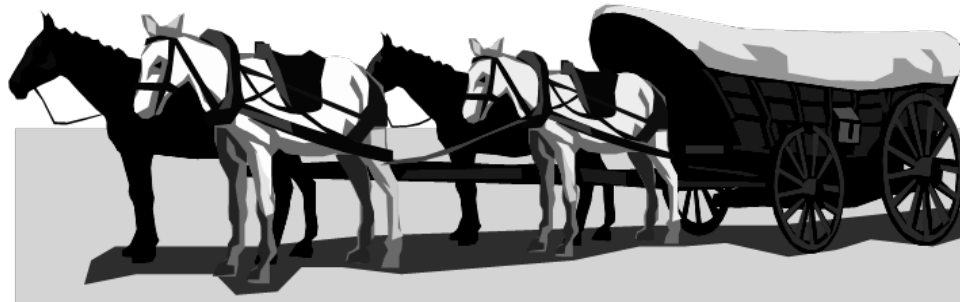
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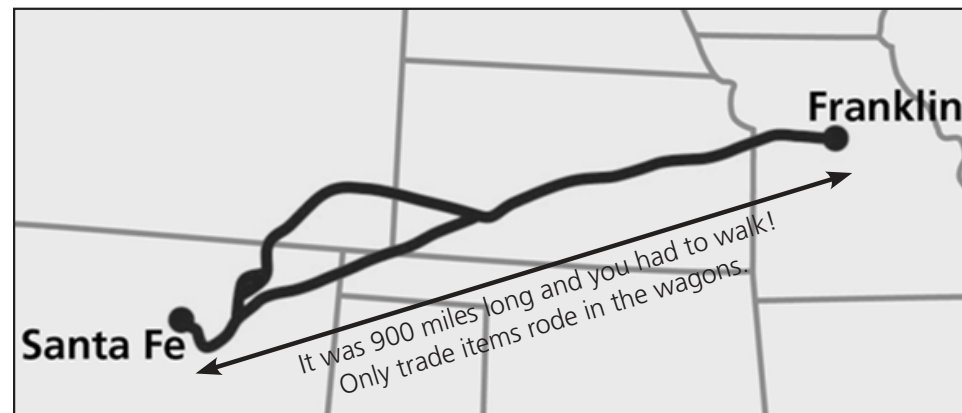


Explore the Santa Fe Trail!

The Santa Fe Trail was a trade route between Franklin, Missouri, and Santa Fe, New Mexico. The first trade caravan from Missouri successfully crossed the trail in 1821, when New Mexico was a Mexican Territory. Once the railroad arrived in New Mexico in 1880, the Santa Fe Trail was no longer needed.



The main purpose of the Santa Fe Trail was _____.



Which states did the Santa Fe Trail cross?

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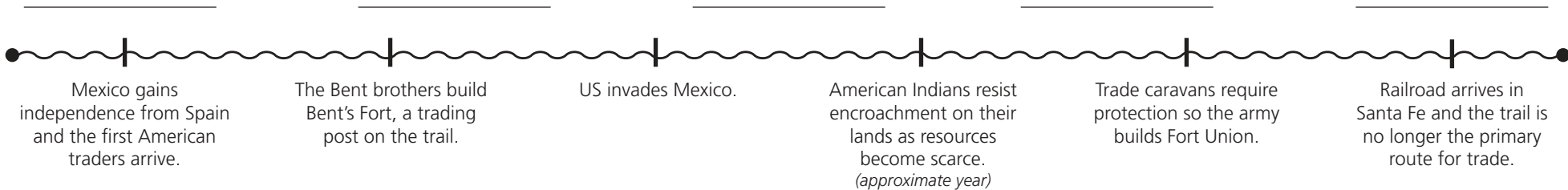
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Unscramble the letters of the states and label them on the map.

Things Change Over Time Use the timeline on the brochure to identify when these events happened.



What's Pulling Your Wagon?

People on the trail were very familiar with animals. Strong draft animals pulled the wagons and traders hunted to supplement their meals.

In the wagon caravan, animals pulled the wagons. Some traders had horses but many walked the entire trail alongside their wagons. It was more important to carry extra goods to sell rather than carry a person in the wagon.

Draw one animal used to pull Santa Fe Trail wagons.
(Hint: It isn't a horse!)

In the early years of the trail, the plains were full of animals. Traders and their caravam crew went hunting for fresh meat. The caravans carried coffee, salt pork, beans, or corn meal but had to forage for fresh items like berries.

Draw one wild animal travelers saw along the trail.
(Hint: Life on the Trail)

Follow the Landmarks

Unlike today, when the Santa Fe Trail was first used there were no signs for where to go nor a line on the ground that indicated the route! Traders used landmarks to find their way. Choose one of these landmarks to learn more about and draw what the landmark looked like during the trail era.

Choose one to sketch:

- Pawnee Rock, KS
- Rabbit Ears Mountain, NM
- Wagon Mound, NM
- Fischer's Peak (Raton Pass), CO
- Point of Rocks, NM

Two Perspectives

Both American Indians and American or Mexican traders felt they had a right to travel across the plains, one to survive and one for a business. Identify a reason why each may have felt that way.

American Indian

Santa Fe Trail Traders