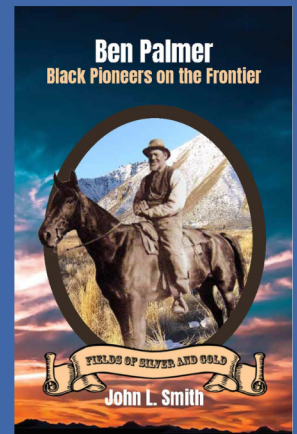




Ben Palmer: Black Pioneers on the Frontier



Questions for Discussion

1. Where do you think Ben Palmer was born? What facts lead you to that conclusion?
2. What skills made Ben Palmer special when he arrived in Carson Valley?
3. What did the law prevent Ben Palmer from doing?
4. Why was Charlotte Barber popular in her community?
5. Why was Carson Valley a good place to live in the 1850s?
6. How did life change for African Americans in Nevada after the end of the Civil War?
7. What role did Virginia City play for African Americans during the Comstock era?
8. Why were Bonner horses special? What were they used for?
9. What kind of public life did Ben Palmer have?
10. Why was Ben Palmer's activity in politics unique?