



Snowshoe Thompson: Sierra Mailman



Questions for Discussion

1. Imagine that you are sending a letter to a family member or a friend back in Snowshoe Thompson's day. What will you tell them about the mailman of the Sierra Nevada?
2. What impact did Thompson's skill on skis have on those who saw him?
3. What fear did Thompson have to overcome while on the trail?
4. Imagine that you are filling Thompson's pack. What would you put in it to help you through the Sierra winter?
5. What prepared Thompson for his job of delivering the mail in winter?
6. How has communication changed since Thompson's time?
7. What made the Sierra Nevada so difficult for travelers?
8. Using the facts contained in this story, what kind of adventure can you create?
9. If you had a chance to meet him today, what questions would you ask Snowshoe Thompson about his life?
10. Thompson did more than deliver the mail. What other jobs and duties did he have?