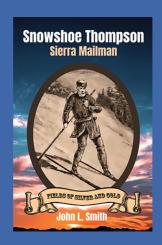


Snowshoe Thompson: Sierra Mailman



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?

