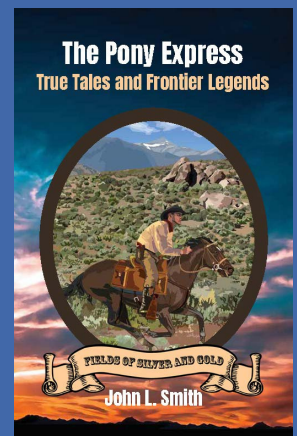




The Pony Express: True Tales and Frontier Legends



Questions for Discussion

1. Why do you think the history of the Pony Express remains so popular?
2. Why was the Pony Express important?
3. Would you like to have been a Pony Express rider? Why?
4. What forms of transportation did people use to travel west?
5. What did Mark Twain think of the Pony Express, and why were his memories important to its history?
6. What is left of the Pony Express route?
7. What horse breeds were used by the riders, and why were they chosen?
8. Was the Pony Express financially successful? If not, why not?
9. How did the conflict with the Paiute people impact the Pony Express?
10. Pretend you're a Pony Express rider. What would you see on the trail?