



Day # 4

### The End of the Pony Express

In 1861, telegraph wires joining the East to the West were connected and on October 24<sup>th</sup> of that year, the Pony Express made its last run. The telegraph lines across the country made it possible to send news and messages rapidly from one place to another. Messages were sent over the wires by tapping out the letters of each word on a telegraph key. The letters were tapped out in Morse Code. The telegraph wires made a humming sound as messages were sent over them. The Indians of the plains called the telegraph “singing wires.” After the wires were connected, the chatter of telegraph keys and the hum of the wires replaced the clatter and pounding of horses’ hooves, and the Pony Express became another frontier memory.

Today, the Pony Express National Historic Trail runs through 8 states. When the ponies and riders carried the mail, many of these states were only territories. Historians and other interested people work with the National Park Service to mark the original trail, establish monuments, and restore stations. Each year in June, members of The National Pony Express Association conduct a re-ride to celebrate the story of the Pony Express and help others remember this great time in our country’s History. During this event, a leather mochila is carried in horseback relays between St. Joseph, MO, and Sacramento, CA.

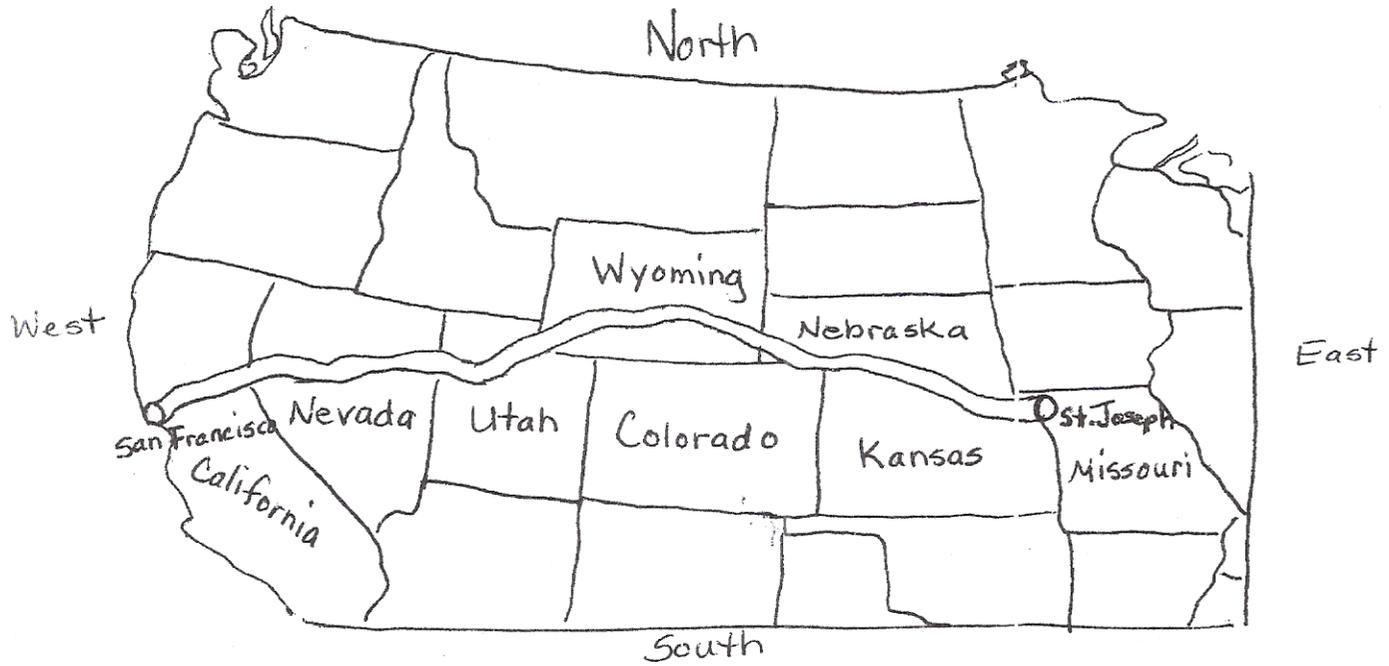
**Day # 4 Activities:**

**-Color each of the 8 states that have the Pony Express route running through them a different color.**

**-Color the trail through the 8 states red.**

**-Answer the questions.**

**-Do the Pony Express Word Search**



Answer the following questions:

1. Name the 8 states that the Historic Pony Express Trail goes through today.

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2. Which state is the farthest North on this map?

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3. Which Pony Express state is the farthest West?

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4. Which Pony Express state is the farthest East?

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# Pony Express

MOCHILA  
EXPRESS  
UTAH  
RUSSELL  
PONY  
WYOMING  
KANSAS  
COLORADO

MAIL  
NEVADA  
TELEGRAPH  
CALIFORNIA  
WADDELL  
NEBRASKA  
RIDERS  
TRAIL

HORSES  
SADDLE  
STATIONKEEPERS  
MAJORS  
BIBLE  
MISSOURI

S R E P E E K N O I T A T S A I I S L  
T E L E G R A P H Y S D I O I M R R S  
M O C H I L N X D N D N O A N O U I H  
J C S A R A F S H O R S E E R Y O D O  
O R O I K S T R A P R L S R O W S E B  
K P E L S O N W A D D E C S F L S R N  
M R O I O E A L A A D R A D I R I S O  
U I D L L R L W O S O L L D L R M R A  
A A S B K M A J O R S L E T A E S S S  
E D I S E A M D A U E I R R C D S G E  
R B A A O R N L O D M A L A R I E S I  
N E P V P U I S D T T M H I S R S N A  
E S A X E H R A A T A R N R F O L V E  
B A E O C N W U M S R L L E S S U R U  
R A U O L A K S A R B E N N I M A S B  
A A M T F R R O L O C E A E T R A I L  
P T P E E K N O I T A T S U T A H G L  
S B E X P R E S S L R W Y O M I N G E  
A R A S N A K G X S E S R O H I I N L  
R F H P I S E N A M E T P M S S R T A

Find each word one time



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