

ORAL QUIZ ON THE TRAIL OF TEARS

The points and level of detail given below are those which a lower-grammar student might be expected to know. You may also use these points to prompt your student.

1. Who was the chief of the Cherokee Nation in the early 1800's?

John Ross was the chief of the Cherokee Nation.

2. Why were the Cherokee forced to move west?

A law [the Indian Removal Act of 1830] signed by President Andrew Jackson said that the Cherokee had to move west and give up their land to the government.

3. What was the Trail of Tears?

The Trail of Tears was the long and harsh journey to the West that the Cherokee were forced to endure. Along the way, many Cherokee got sick from lack of food and disease. Sadly, many died. [NOTE: The Cherokee called this experience, "The Place Where They Cried," which became the basis for the English name, Trail of Tears. The removal occurred in 1838 during Martin Van Buren's presidency.]

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CUMULATIVE ORAL QUIZ ON SAMUEL MORSE

The points and level of detail given below are those which a lower-grammar student might be expected to know from his reading in *Samuel Morse and the Telegraph*, by David Seidman. You may also use these points to prompt your student.

1. Describe how messages were sent in the early 1800's.
Unlike today, messages took a long time to be delivered to its recipients. In the 1800's, people relied on trains to carry letters and other forms of important communication.
2. What was the problem with the communication system in the early 1800's?
Sometimes there were great delays between the time the message was sent and received. This caused problems for people, businesses, and even for the government. A faster means of communication was needed.
3. What idea did Samuel Morse come up with to help the communication problem?
Understanding that electricity moves very fast, Samuel applied this knowledge to a long-distance telegraph machine that could send messages speedily using a special code [the Morse Code].
4. Was Samuel's invention a success?
Despite many obstacles, Samuel's telegraph was a huge success. Telegraph companies sprang up everywhere, sending telegraph messages across the country and eventually to Europe as well. [By the late 1800's, the telegraph was the world's leading form of communication.]
5. Name one way that Samuel's invention was used.
Answers will vary. Besides regular telegraph companies, newspapers and radios used the telegraph for reporting news from around the world, engineers used the telegraph to schedule trains and help the railroads run more efficiently and safely, and ships used the telegraph as well in their travels.

1. DESCRIBE HOW MESSAGES WERE SENT IN THE EARLY 1800's.

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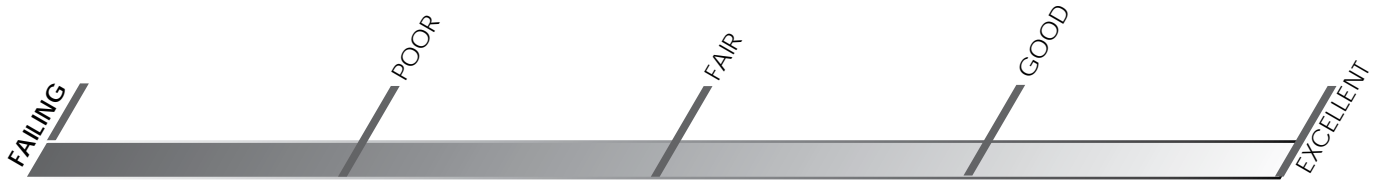
2. WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM WITH THE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN THE EARLY 1800's?

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3. WHAT IDEA DID SAMUEL MORSE COME UP WITH TO HELP THE COMMUNICATION PROBLEM?

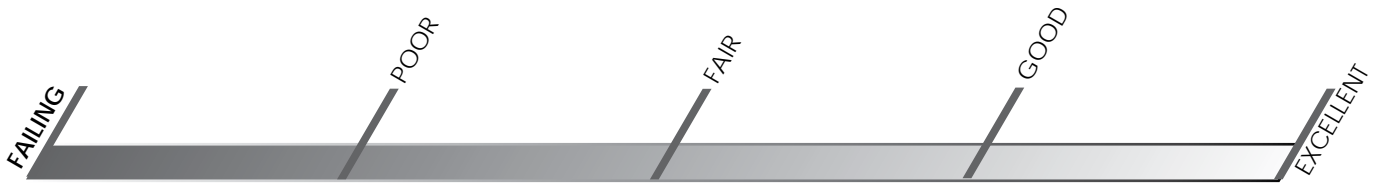
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4. Was SAMUEL'S INVENTION A SUCCESS? _____



COMMENTS: _____

5. NAME ONE WAY THAT SAMUEL'S INVENTION WAS USED. _____



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LIFE ON THE OREGON TRAIL

Traveling Supplies

Prairie Schooner

From your reading about the West, draw illustrations to describe these captions.

Food on the Trail

Traveling Hardships

Making Friends

Reaching Oregon