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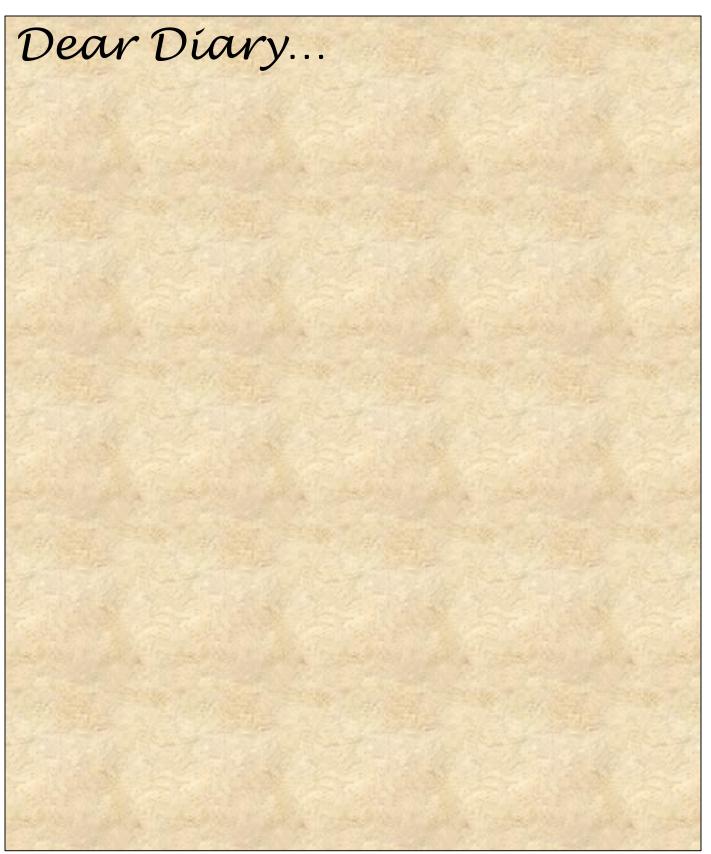
A Teenage Bride on the Santa Fe Trail - Diary of Susan Shelby Magoffin

- 1. What hardships of the trail are described in this part of Susan Magoffin's account?
- 2. How would you describe Magoffin's attitude toward this dangerous and difficult journey?
- 3. Using Your Historical Imagination. As a young woman of the mid-nineteenth century, Susan Magoffin wrote of the hardships and dangers of life on the trail that she regarded as extraordinary– not part of ordinary existence. From a modern perspective, what other aspects of life on the trail, which she simply took for granted, would we probably regard as hardships.

Notes from a Forty-Niner's Diary –Alonzo Delano

- 1. What types of hardships did the forty-niners face in the gold camps?
- 2. Why do you think the California Gold Rush could be considered an international affair? Where did the forty-niners come from?
- 3. Using Your Historical Imagination. The author talks about the card dealer who won a lot of money at one camp only to lose it and more at another camp. Why do you think Delano may have been talking about the forty-niners as well as the card dealer when he said "a gambler may be rich today, and a beggar tomorrow?"

Put yourself on the <u>Oregon, Santa Fe, or California</u> <u>Trails</u>. Write a one page diary of life along the trail.



Put yourself in the shoes of a Native American on the <u>Great Plains</u>. Write a page diary about the day white settlers travel through your lands.

Dear Diary...

Let your artwork shine: Create a newspaper advertisement recruiting settlers to California. Use a catchy slogan & art... (no stick figures allowed)