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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 Oregon, Santa Fe, or California Trails. Write a one page diary of life along the trail.

Dear Diary...

Put yourself in the shoes of a Native American on the Great Plains. 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)**

