

"LUKE'S GOLDRUSH ADVENTURE" VOCABULARY

1. **The Gold Rush:** was a rapid movement of people to a newly discovered goldfield such as the California Gold Rush in 1848.
2. The **Stagecoach:** was designed to transport passengers, mail and consumer goods. Stagecoaches were drawn by teams of four to six horses that were changed out at stations. Passengers could stretch their legs and eat their meals. The "Conductor" sat next to the Stagecoach driver. He collected fares, took care of passengers, and was responsible for the mail.
3. **Samuel Clemens** was a writer and better known by his pen name, Mark Twain. He rode the Overland Stagecoach from Missouri to California in 1861 with his brother Orion Clemens (Secretary of Nevada Territory). Eleven years later, Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) described the journey in his book "Roughing It".
4. **Levi Strauss** (a merchant) and **Jacob Davis** (a tailor), two visionary immigrants; turned denim, thread, and a little metal rivet into what has become the most popular apparel on earth. Originally called overalls, they were made for miners during the California Gold Rush; later, overalls were called blue jeans.
5. A **dreamcatcher** is a small hoop containing horse hair mesh or a similar construction of string or yarn, decorated with feathers and beads, believed to give its owner good dreams. Dreamcatchers were originally made by American Indians.
6. **The Pony Express** was a mail service, delivering messages, newspapers, mail, and small packages from Missouri to California, by horseback, using a series of relay stations.
7. **The first transcontinental telegraph** served as the only method of near - instantaneous communication between the East and the West coasts of the United States during the 1860's, making the Pony Express obsolete.
8. An **heirloom** can be a kind of jewelry that has been passed down for generations through family members. There's a story behind every piece of heirloom jewelry. These are stories of love, dreams, accomplishments, and sometimes even loss.
9. A **prospector** is someone who searches an area of land or water for gold, oil, etc.
10. **Precious Metals** such as gold and silver (often used in art, jewelry, and coinage) are considered to be rare and have a high economic value.
11. A **dignitary** is a person of high rank or position