

The Pony Express

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45 pts. possible

We often take for granted the speed of communication today. While it may not be our main form of communication today, because of e-mail, the United States Postal Service was essential to the citizens both of the east and west during the nation's beginnings. The Pony Express was the first mail service connecting the west to the east

Your assignment is to read the Pony Express Information packet and write a five-paragraph essay describing the transformation from horseback to today of our mail service. In essence this is comparing and contrasting today's mail service to the mail service in the 1860's. Be sure to include the improvement of technology, the duration of delivery, and the importance of the respective time periods.

Grading Rubric

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| 1. Rough draft completed and included with final draft. | 5 pts. | _____ |
| 2. Clearly Stated Position, with general (summary) reason why. | 10 pts. | _____ |
| 3. Supporting CDV, correctly defined and applied to your position. | 10 pts. | _____ |
| 4. Supporting prior knowledge from text book, worksheets and other classes | 10 pts. | _____ |
| 5. Supporting data to show your understanding of the Pony Express article and correctly applied to support your position. Must show research evidence to validate the data in order for it to count. | 10 pts. | _____ |

Your score _____/45