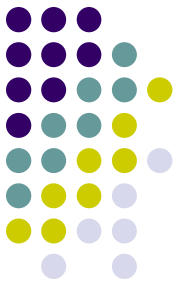


Mountain Men

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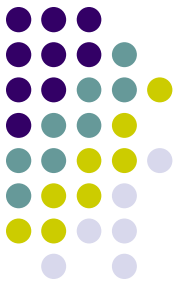


- Students will understand who, what, when, where, and why about the Mountain Men.

Timeline



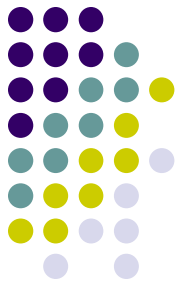
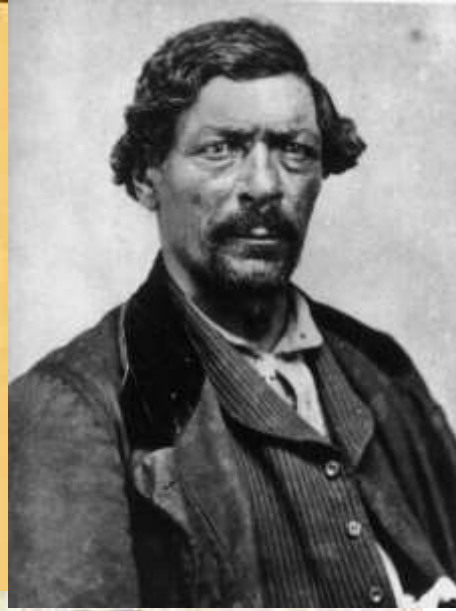
- 1765- Juan Rivera entered Utah
- 1776- Dominguez Escalante Expedition
- 1824- Trappers enter Utah
- 1825- 1st Rendezvous
- 1827- Jedediah Smith makes trail from Utah to California
- 1833- Joseph Walker stops at Salt Lake Valley
- 1837-38- Robidoux builds first trading post in Utah.
- 1840- Trapping era ends
- 1843- Fort Bridger is built
- 1843- John C. Fremont arrives in Utah
- 1849- John W. Gunnison and Howard Stansbury survey Great Salt Lake.



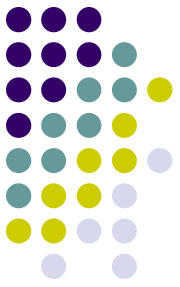
Mountain Men

- Who were the Mountain Men?
 - Mountain Men were trappers that were part of either the American, British, or Mexican fur companies. Over 3,000 men tried their luck at trapping.
 - They were young men looking for adventure and a chance to make large amounts of money.



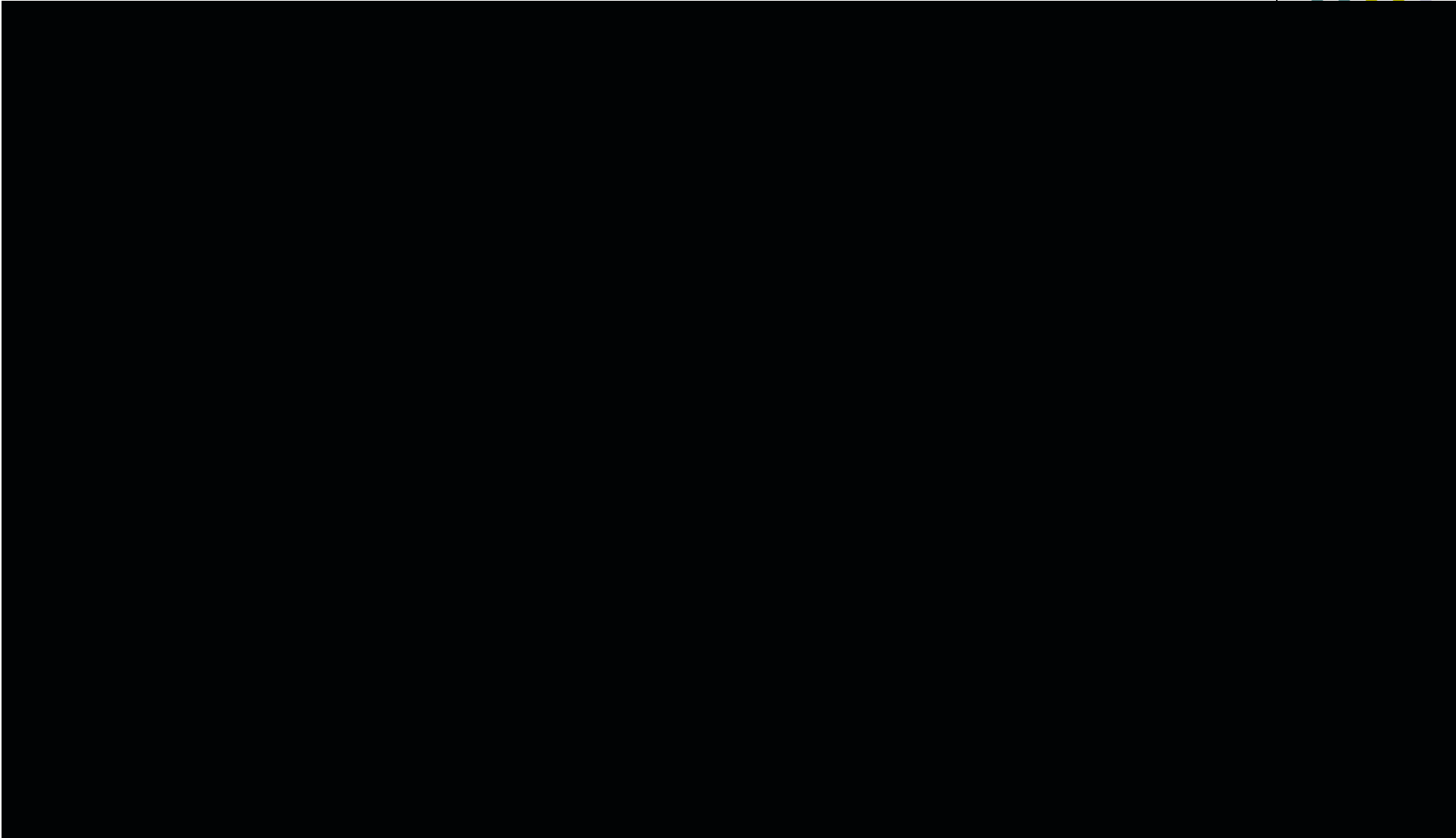


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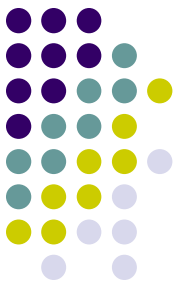


- In Europe felt hats had become very popular.
- The hats were made from beaver pelts. The animals had already been trapped until near extinction in the East and Midwest.









Natives

- The relationship between the Mountain Men and Native Americans was complicated.
- They traded goods with each other that both groups needed.
- Sometimes they lived together peacefully at other times they fought and killed each other. Many of these Mountain Men were shot by arrows or killed by hostile natives.

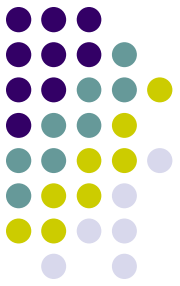
Government Exploration



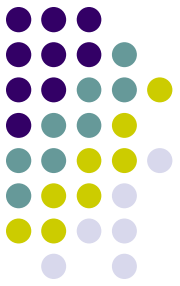
- In an attempt to expand the United States after the Louisiana Purchase explorers were sent out to map, study, and report the resources of the west.

John C. Fremont

- Fremont was sent out to map the Oregon trail.
- He received his job after marrying the daughter of an influential senator.
- Later His wife Jessie wrote a 207 pg report from Fremont's notes and memory.



John W. Gunnison



- 1849 John W. Gunnison was sent by the U.S government to survey and map Utah Lake and The Great Salt Lake. He also wrote about the Mormons settling in Utah.
- A few years later he was sent to map a route for the railroad to come through Utah.
- Near the Sevier River in 1853 his group was attacked and he was killed by a group of Pahvant Indians.

