Montana

Mountain Men

Jim Bridger worked as a fur trapper for the Rocky Mountain Fur Company. Bridger was a colorful Montana character - one story says that he was once wounded in the back by an arrowhead that stuck there for three years!

John Colter was an explorer for the Meriwether Lewis and William Clark expedition. He later worked as a fur trapper. At one point, Colter was captured by the Blackfeet Indians. Instead of killing him outright, they stripped him of his clothes and allowed him a headstart to “run for his life”. Amazingly, Colter outran the Indians and covered over 200 miles in a week, reaching Fort Manuel, barefoot, freezing and starving!

Manuel Lisa was a fur trader originally from New Orleans. Those who worked with him either greatly admired him or greatly despised him. Lisa formed the Saint Louis Missouri Fur Company.

Read each sentence, and decide if it is TRUE or FALSE. Write your answers on the lines provided.

1. John Bridger worked as a fur trapper for the Appalachian Fur Company. __________

2. John Colter was an explorer for Lewis and Clark. __________

3. There is a story about Jim Bridger and how he once had an arrow head stuck in the back of his head! __________

4. John Colter once ran 200 miles in a week barefoot, starving, and freezing! __________

5. Manuel Lisa was a fur trader originally from New York. __________

ANSWERS: 1- false; 2-true; 3-false; 4-true; 5-false