

JIM BRIDGER PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS

NAME:

Osborne Russell

1. Select 5 words that describe Jim Bridger's character.
2. How would you summarize Osborne Russell's description of Jim Bridger?
3. Do you know anybody like this today? Why do you make the comparison?

Warren Ferris

4. How does the entry describe Jim Bridger as a trapper?
5. Do you think that made Jim Bridger more or less respected among his peers? Why?

John C. Fremont

6. How does Fremont describe Jim Bridger's life in the first entry?
7. Why would Fremont say emigrants were "*fortunate enough to obtain his services to guide them?*" What does this tell you about Bridger?

Captain John Gunnison

8. What does Gunnison say about Jim Bridger's knowledge of the west?
9. How does this relate to Fremont's description?

Samuel Parker

10. Summarize the entry.

11. What can this teach you about Jim Bridger's personal toughness?

12. How would this be different if it happened today?

Howard Stansbury

13. How does the entry describe Jim Bridger's relationship with the Sioux?

14. What can this teach you about life on the American frontier?

15. How does this change/reinforce an idea you previously held about Jim Bridger or mountain men?

Anson Mills

16. What does this story teach us about Jim Bridger's character?

Summary

17. Describe Jim Bridger in 50 words or less.

18. If you could compare Jim Bridger to 1 person in the modern world, who would it be and why? (Use information from the text)