Lesson Questions

1. Compare the historic trail Map with current Google map of the same area. Which two highways are close to the original Mountain and Cimarron routes?

2. Which highway from question 1 is closer to the original route?

3. What other natural feature(s) do these routes cross?

4. How are rivers both a positive and a negative feature to travelers?

5. Look up the distance between Independence, MO and Santa Fe, NM. Using 12 miles per day as an average, how many days would it take a traveler to reach either end of the trail?