

Kit Carson

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Directions: Underline the words in the story as you find them, unscramble them and write them in the boxes below. Kit Carson was not a very large man, standing 5 foot 6 inches tall, but he was brave, and once when the camp was approached by a band of 500 Indians, repelled the group by telling them if they didn't leave, the trappers would attack them and kill them. Even though they were only a handful of men, the Indians were convinced and left peacefully. Once Carson challenged a Frenchman, a Captain Shunan, who was boasting and knocking down the other men. In the duel that took place Carson was able to wound the Captain and divert his shot and save his own life. Captain Shunan didn't give them any more trouble. In 1842 Carson joined John Fremont as a guide to map the Oregon Trail. They left St. Louis on an overland route to the Pacific. They traveled 1200 miles that summer. Carson was always loyal to Fremont, and when Fremont published his expedition he praised his guide. People used these publications as travel guides as they moved west. Carson was chosen to carry dispatches to Washington. They knew if anyone could get the messages through, he would be the man to do it. Carson moved the Navajo Indians to the reservation by starving them out. The march was called "The Long Walk". Carson made a treaty with the Plains Indians and established a permanent reservation for the Utes in their land.

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