1. Mark the one that is **not** a meaning of **express**.
   - O to send by fast communication
   - O to make known in words: express an opinion
   - O to subject to light (photographic film)

2. Why is **Pony Express** capitalized?
   The Pony Express showed that a transcontinental system of mail service could be built and operated.

3. Cross out the incorrect spelling.
   The Pony Express stations were placed at (intervals intravels) of ten miles.

4. A realistic fiction tale about the Pony Express might be set in
   - O Europe
   - O Alaska
   - O Missouri

5. What is the main idea?
   If you wanted to become a Pony Express rider, you had to be an expert horseman. The work was dangerous and demanding. Riders rode 100 miles regardless of the weather. They jumped onto a fresh horse about every ten miles and galloped at top speed. Because their speed was important, small, lightweight riders were preferred. One California newspaper in 1860 advertised for riders listing these requirements: skinny fellows, not over 18, willing to risk death daily.

**TUESDAY WEEK 14**

1. What is a **mochila**?
   The Pony Express rider changed to a fresh horse at each station taking only the mail pouch, a mochila, with him.

2. Change the verbs to past tense.
   **The rider throws the mochila over the saddle and holds it in place by sitting on it.**

3. What kind of sentence?
   - Bundles of mail were placed in pockets called cantinas and padlocked for safety.
   - O compound
   - O complex
   - O compound-complex

4. What is the audience for an encyclopedia entry about the history of the Pony Express?
**WEDNESDAY WEEK 14**

1. What does transcontinental mean?

2. Choose the misspelled word.
   - o delivery  o ordinary  o lovly

3. Circle the action verb.
   The telegraph replaced the Pony Express.

4. Summarize the passage.
   In mid-century America, communication between St. Joseph, Missouri on the fringe of western settlements and the gold mining communities of California seemed impossible. Then the Pony Express galloped to the rescue. The pounding pony feet and the fearless riders bound together the ragged edges of a rising nation.

**THURSDAY WEEK 14**

5. Choose the type of writing for each thing.
   a. a poster about Pony Express riders
      o narrative  o expository  o descriptive
   b. a story about riding in a snowstorm
      o narrative  o expository  o descriptive
   c. an encyclopedia entry
      o narrative  o expository  o descriptive

5. Summarize the information on the web.

5. Add the ending -ed and -ing.
   deliver

3. Circle the conjunction.
   The Pony Express was founded to provide fast mail delivery and to draw public attention to a central route for delivery in the hope of getting a million dollar mail contract.

4. Edit the sentence.
   The pony express lasted only 16 months before being replaced by the transcontinental telegraph.
Read

Follow the directions to make a pouch.

1. Gather your materials:
2. Cut one piece of paper in half the “hot dog” way.
3. Fold the other piece of paper into thirds in both directions.
   You will have nine rectangles when the paper is opened.
4. Cut out the four corner rectangles.
5. Fold each remaining side onto the center.
6. Glue the folded rectangle in the center of the long strip.
7. Fold up the bottom of the strip and fold down the top of the strip.
8. Open the top fold and turn down the top edge about an inch.
9. Punch a hole through the doubled thickness.
10. Attach the yarn through the hole and tie the flaps.

Materials:
2 pieces of paper 8 1/2" x 11", scissors, glue, and 18" yarn

Write

Open the pouch and write something about the Pony Express on each section of the folded rectangle.