

## Writing About the Santa Fe Trail

**Writing Activity #1** - Imagine that you are trying to reach Santa Fe, New Mexico. You have booked passage on a stagecoach. You decide to keep a diary of some of your adventures. Describe a typical day in your journey. Be as descriptive as possible in telling about your experiences.

**Writing Activity #2** - Tell a story about life on the trail. Play up the dangers and the excitement.

**Writing Activity #3** - Tell about the way traders kept up everyday life when traveling the Trail.

**Writing Activity #4** - Write a letter encouraging people to take a trip to see the Santa Fe Trail today. Tell how much better it would be now than in 1840.

**Writing Activity #5** - Tell what a wagon corral was like and why it was constructed in that manner.

**Writing Activity #6** - Write a letter to the president, asking that sites along the Santa Fe Trail be protected and worked into the National Park System. Explain your reasons.