

Chapter **4**

The Great Encounter

Essential Question:

What contributions did the first explorers make to Utah?



What contributions did the Spanish explorers make to Utah?

After the arrival of Columbus and Spanish Conquest in Mexico and South America, The Spanish began exploring the lands to The north.

Along the way they established settlements including

- **Presidios**- Spanish forts where soldiers lived
- **Pueblos**- towns that were centers of farming and trade
- **Missions**- Religious settlements run by catholic priests

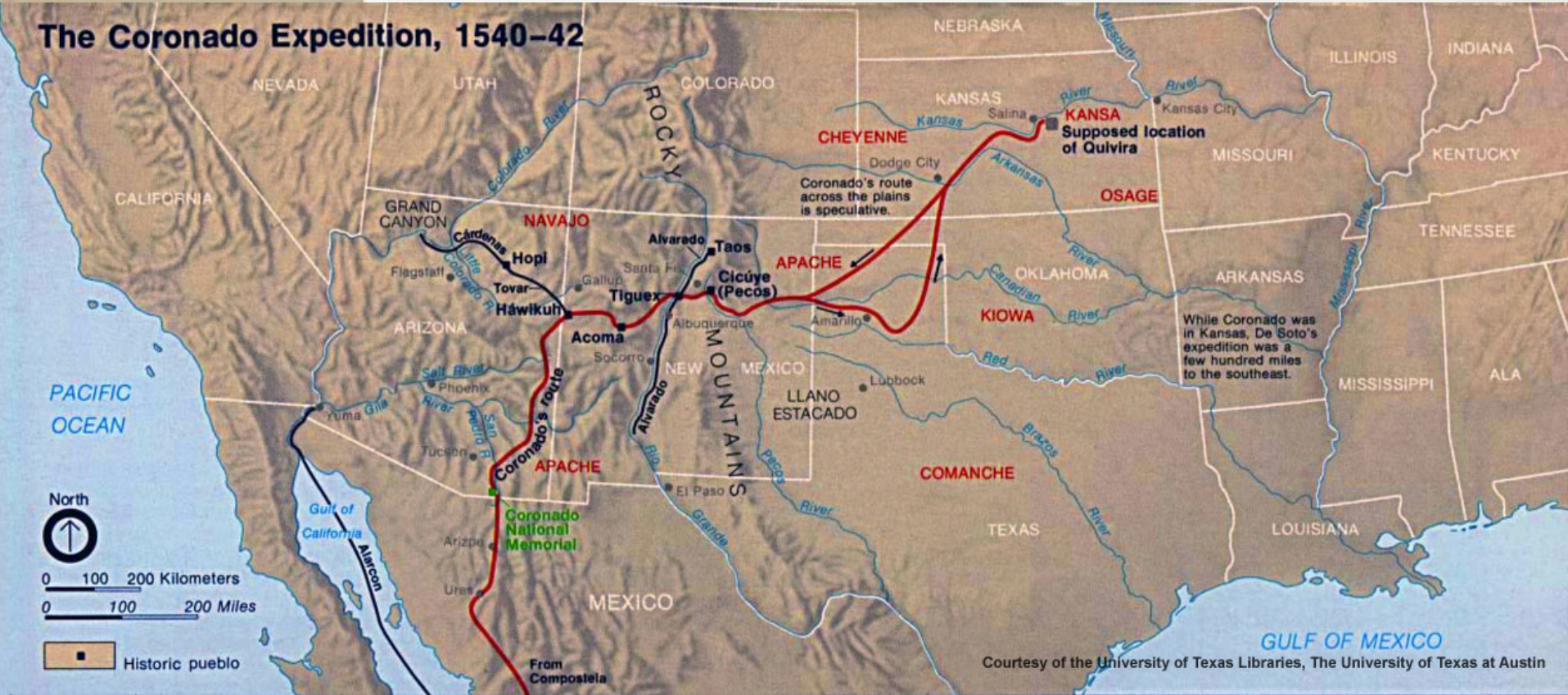
What contributions did the Spanish explorers make to Utah?

Francisco Vazquez de Coronado:
1540-42 he led an expedition along south rim of the Grand Canyon looking for legendary cities of gold!

They did not find cities of gold but their trails provided the map for future Europeans to come

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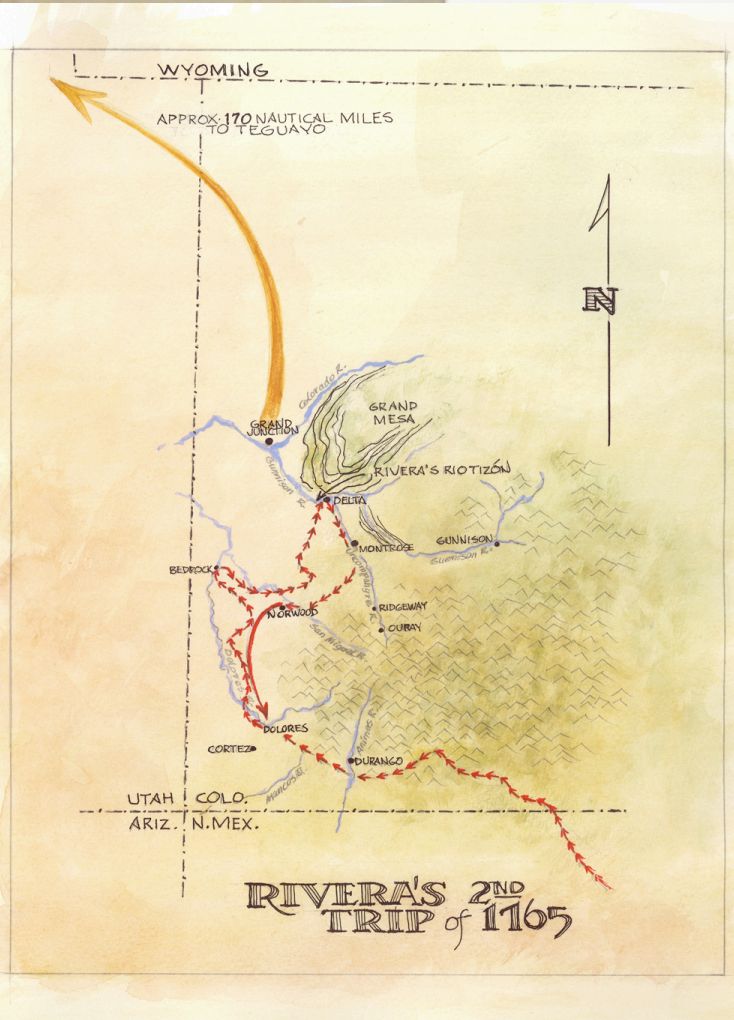
The Coronado Expedition, 1540-42



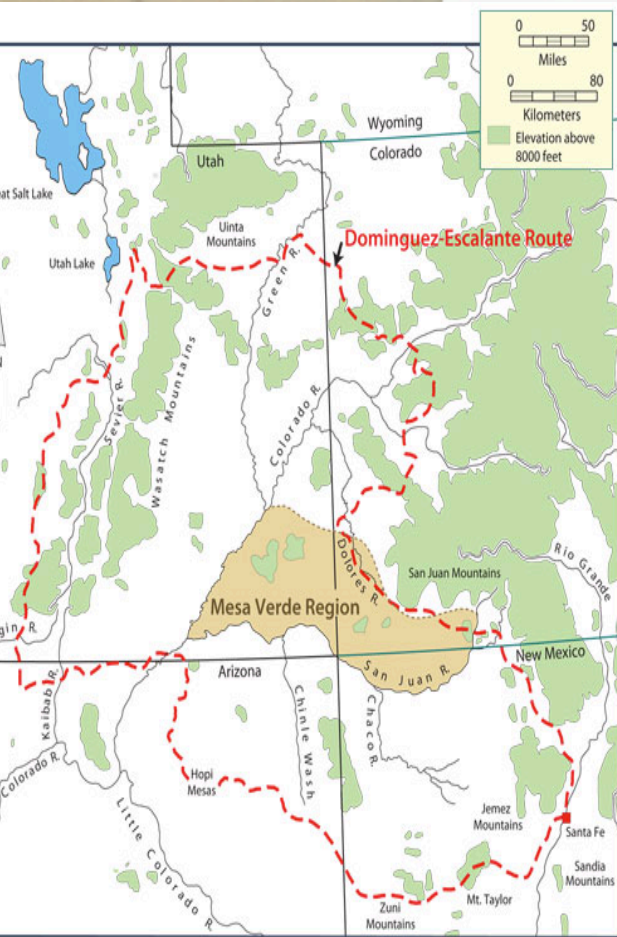
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What contributions did the Spanish explorers make to Utah?

- **Juan Rivera**: Explored along the Colorado River in search of silver
- He did not find silver, but he did find the Ute's



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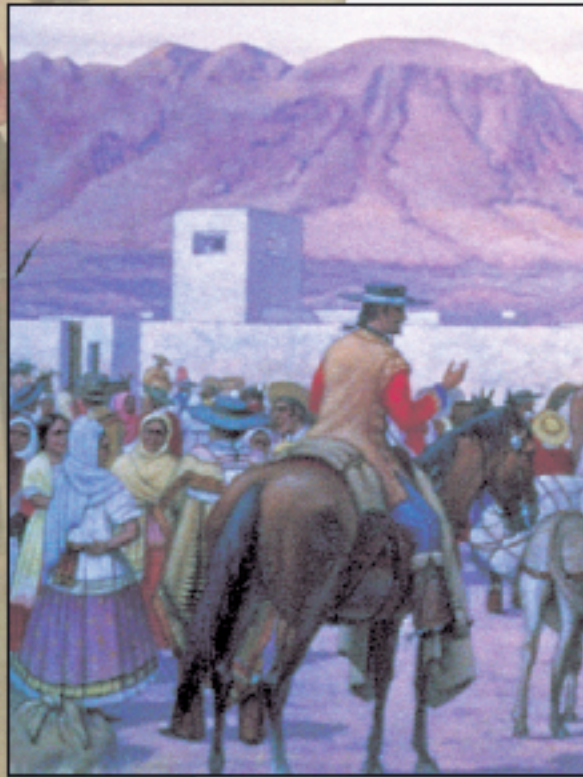
Fathers Escalante and Dominguez:

Sent by the Spanish government to find a better route between Santa Fe New Mexico and the Mission in Monterrey California

They did not find a route to Monterrey but did become the first Europeans to explore Utah's Great Basin.

Their trails would form the basis of travel in Utah even until today!

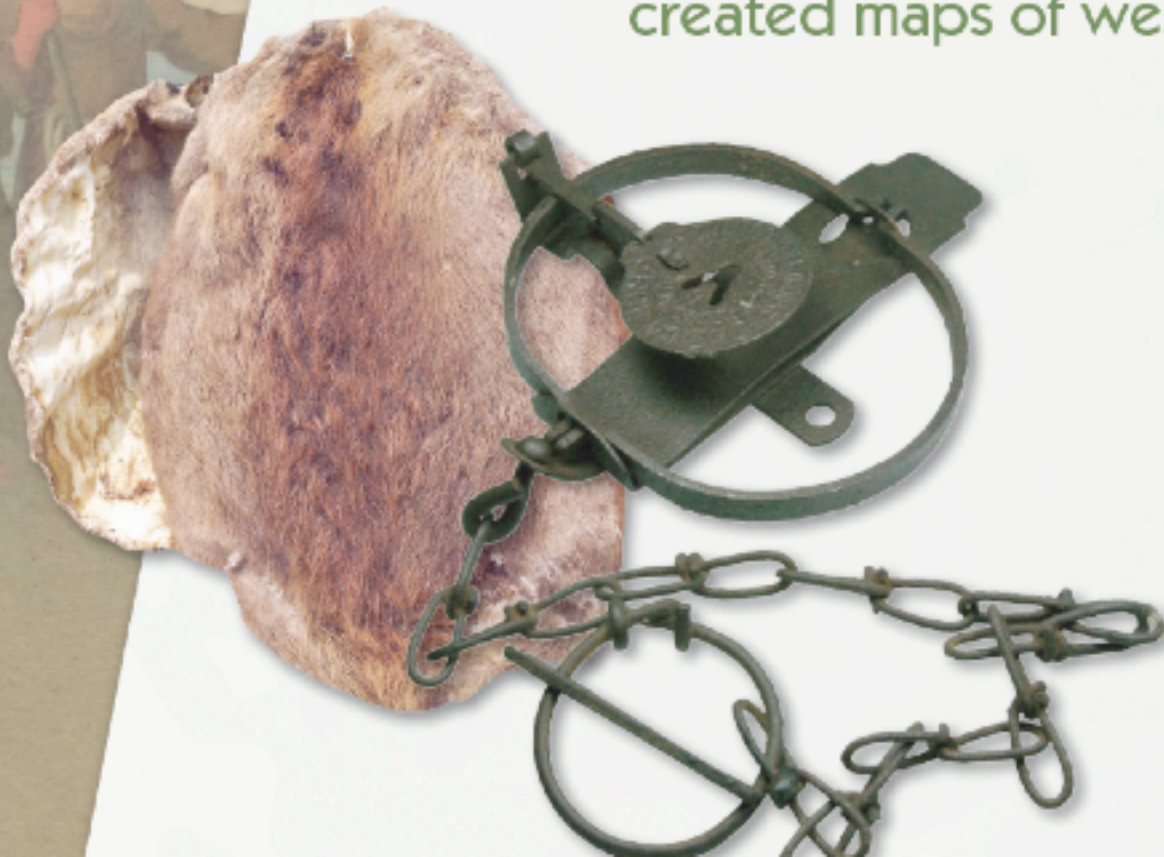
What contributions did the first missionaries from Spain make to Utah?



- Established missions and presidios
- Introduced Indians to Christianity
- Developed mostly positive relations with the Indians
- Introduced European ways of life and learned from the Indians where and how to get food
- Created maps of the area and served as guides

Who were the mountain men who came to Utah?

- Mountain men came to make a profit trapping beaver for fur pelts. They also created maps of western regions.



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- His trails became some of the primary trails used by settlers coming west



THE TRAVELS OF JEDEDIAH STRONG SMITH 1822-1831

LEGEND

- Travels of Jedediah Smith
- Indian Village
- Indian Reservation
- Indian Agency
- Indian Agency (1822)
- Indian Agency (1823)
- Indian Agency (1824)
- Indian Agency (1825)

A Brief History of Jedediah Smith's Accomplishments

1. 1822-1823: Explorer, trader, explorer and trader.
2. 1824: Established a fur trading post at the mouth of the Snake River in Idaho.
3. 1825: Established a fur trading post at the mouth of the Snake River in Idaho.
4. 1826: Established a fur trading post at the mouth of the Snake River in Idaho.
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8. 1830: Established a fur trading post at the mouth of the Snake River in Idaho.
9. 1831: Established a fur trading post at the mouth of the Snake River in Idaho.

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Who were the Mountain Men who came to Utah?



- **Peter Skene Ogden**- He worked for the Hudson Bay Fur Company and was one of the first Europeans to explore Utah
- He trapped in the Cache and Ogden Valleys.
- The City of Ogden and the Ogden river are named after him

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Who were the mountain men who came to Utah?

- Etienne Provost established trading posts along the Great Salt Lake and Utah Lake. The city of Provo and the Provo River are named after him.



Who were the Mountain Men who came to Utah?



- **Jim Bridger**: Followed the Bear River through **Cache Valley** and was one of the First Europeans to explore the Great Salt Lake
- He thought it was the Pacific Ocean because of its saltiness
- Cache Valley often called **Bridgerland** because of his exploration



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- Explored much of the west with the **Ashley Henry Fur Company**
- Adopted into a tribe of Crow Native Americans while exploring the Rocky Mountains

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What Contributions did the Mountain Men make to Utah

- Explored and Mapped most of the Utah Territory
- Developed Relationships with the Natives in Utah
- Caused some conflict between Europeans and Natives
- Introduced Guns, Horses, and other European goods to the Natives
- Opened the Utah Territory to future settlers

