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## How Pioneers and Their Horses Settled the Land

Pioneers were looking for a fresh life and a new beginning separate from the already established colonies in the East.

Their first frontier was the Appalachian Mountains in the early 1700's and later moved across the Mississippi River around 1783.



Women often helped manage the move across the country and after settling on their home site, helped with the plows and did a great deal of the work on the farms.

Who was the first woman president of AQHA?

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Horses allowed pioneers to pack and travel successfully, to hunt in various regions, haul lumber for building homes, and to pull heavy plows to break up soil for crops.

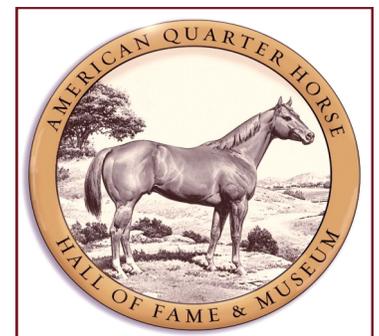
Horses also aided in keeping other livestock tended and rounded up such as milk cows or even sheep used for wool.

Pioneers used various breeds of horses for all of these different jobs. Often the horse bloodlines would get mixed and eventually breeding methods were established to create better horses. Horses were bred to be faster, stronger, more durable, and more versatile.

Hall of Fame inductee Si Dawson lived in one of the most romantic periods in time as his father, John B. Dawson and grandfather, Henry Clay drove an ox team from Arkansas to California in the mid 1800's. His father became a trail scout for Charles Goodnight and was the first to trail a herd from Texas to Colorado. The family influence and purchase of stock in three large cattle companies was in itself enough to get Si Dawson riding and roping by the time he could sit on a horse. By the time he was grown Si had his own ranch in Colorado and was breeding Steel Dust horses. Si Dawson purchased the great stud Peter McCue, also a Hall of Fame inductee in 1915 for \$\_\_\_\_\_. He went to Cheyenne, Oklahoma to purchase him.

In what year was Peter McCue foaled?  
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Out of the 11,510 American Quarter Horses registered before 1948, \_\_\_\_\_ can be directly traced to Peter McCue through his sons, grandsons, and great-grandsons.



What famous brand is under the Hall of Fame Medallion in the Grand Hall?  
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# How Pioneers and Their Horses Settled the Land

Pioneers had to feed and water their horses just like we do today. They depended on their horses for survival so they had to take excellent care of them.

What items can a horse eat? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How many gallons of water does he drink each day? \_\_\_\_\_

Pioneers used various types of utensils and pots for cooking over open flames. Look inside the chuck wagon and list 3 things the pioneers may have used.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What year was Traveler foaled? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your favorite horse in the Hall of Fame? \_\_\_\_\_

What year was he or she inducted? \_\_\_\_\_

Why was this horse your favorite? \_\_\_\_\_

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Draw one of the items displayed in their case.

Pioneers used horses to pull heavy cast iron plows made back in New England for sandy type soils. These plows were often useless against the hard ground and prairie grass roots in the western territories.

What year did a man by the name of John Deere develop the steel plow? \_\_\_\_\_ It was made with a shiny blade that cut deep into the ground and tore up hard roots.

What influential breed sire was shipped in a boxcar to Texas and then hitched to a dirt scraper?

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What was your favorite exhibit? Use the space below to make a sketch of your favorite exhibit to help you remember it!

Title: \_\_\_\_\_