

Chapter **4**

The Great Encounter

Essential Question:

What contributions did the first explorers make to Utah?

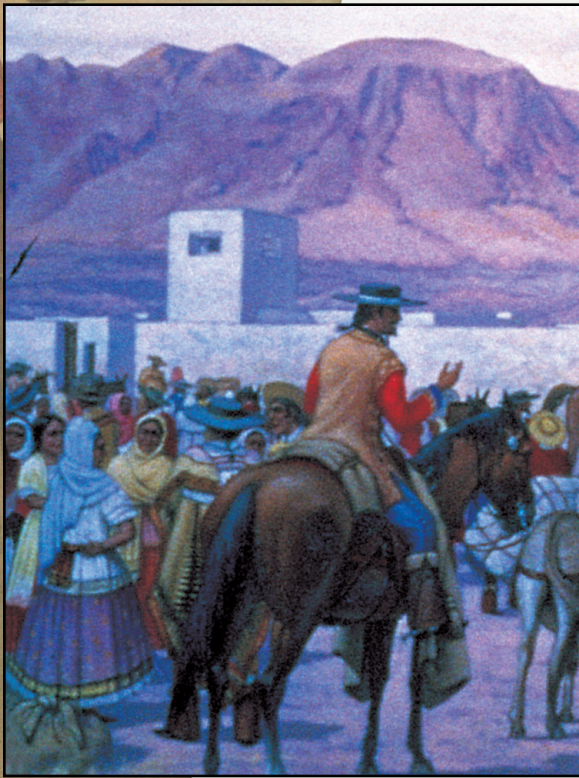


What contributions did the Spanish explorers make to Utah?



- After the explorations of Christopher Columbus, the Spanish sent other explorers to claim land in North and South America.
- Juan Rivera entered Utah, looking for the Colorado River and silver.
- Father Escalante and Dominguez entered the Great Basin.

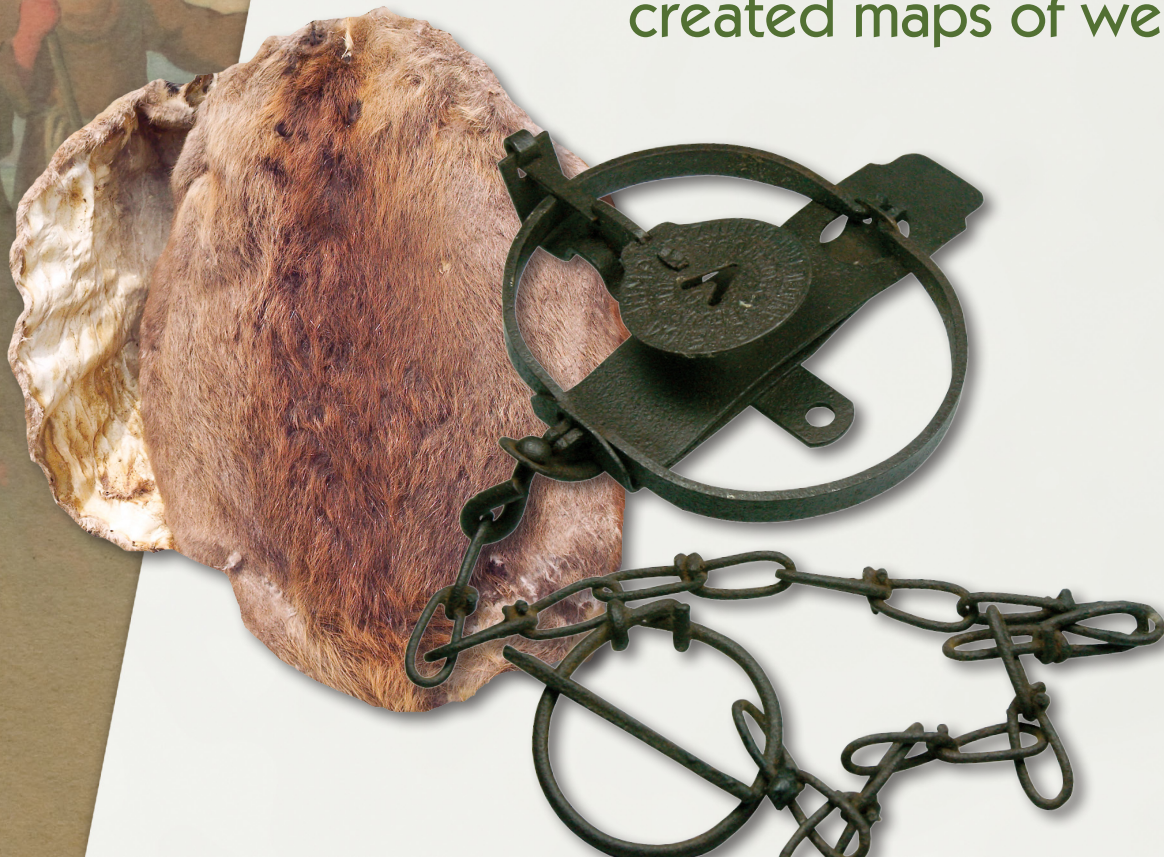
What contributions did the first missionaries from Spain make to Utah?



- 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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- Jedediah Smith traveled extensively throughout Utah and the West. He discovered that no rivers flowed from the Great Salt Lake to the Pacific Ocean.

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- Peter Skene Ogden trapped in the Cache and Ogden valleys. The city of Ogden and the Ogden River are named after him.

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- Jim Bridger found the Great Salt Lake and believed it to be the Pacific Ocean because of its saltiness.

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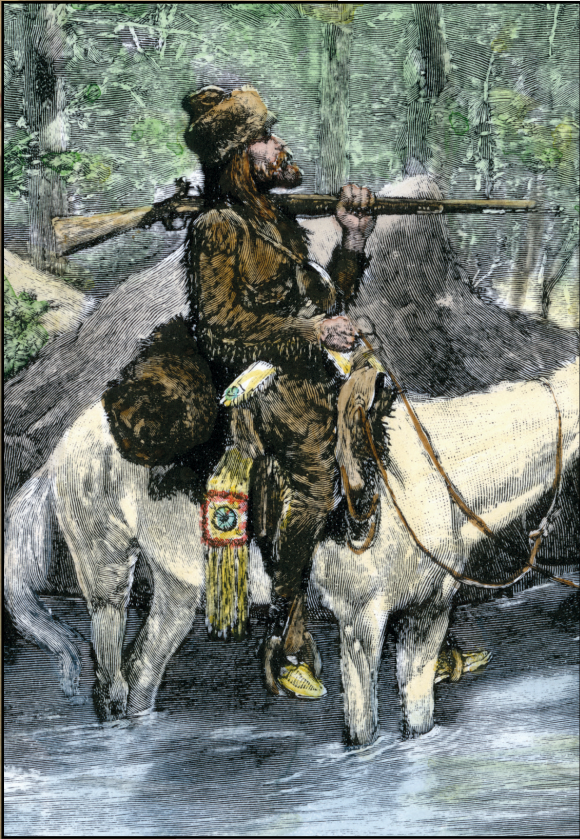
- James Beckwourth was born a slave in Virginia. He later became a fur trapper who explored widely throughout Utah.

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.

What contributions did the mountain men make to Utah?



- Mapped most of today's Utah which opened up the West to settlers
- Sometimes caused conflict with the Indians over the use of the land
- Introduced guns and other metal tools to the Indians
- Brought horses to some Indian groups

Let's Review

What contributions did the first explorers make to Utah?

- Spanish explorers were the first Europeans on the land we call Utah.
- Spanish missionaries established missions and presidios, introduced Christianity to the Indians, and created maps of the area.
- Mountain men continued to map the land. The relationships between the Indians and the mountain men were strained.