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## *video: "The Donner Party"*

1. Besides the departure of the Donner Party, name two other major events in U.S. history that took place in 1846.

(1) start of the Mexican-American War, (2) start of Mormon journey to Utah

2. What was the name of the man who wrote the travel guide that the Donner Party followed?

3. What aspect of the travel guide was so attractive to westward-bound pioneers?

4. Why was James Reed banished from the wagon train?

5. How close — in both time and distance — was the Donner Party to safety in California when the snow cut them off?

6. What was the nickname of the group of 15 people that set out in December to try and conquer the mountain summit?

7. What fraction of the Donner Party survived their ordeal? Give separate figures for both the men and the women.

8. There was something eerie about the business that Lewis Kiesberg went into when he reached San Francisco. What was it?