VA #1 Past-To-Present

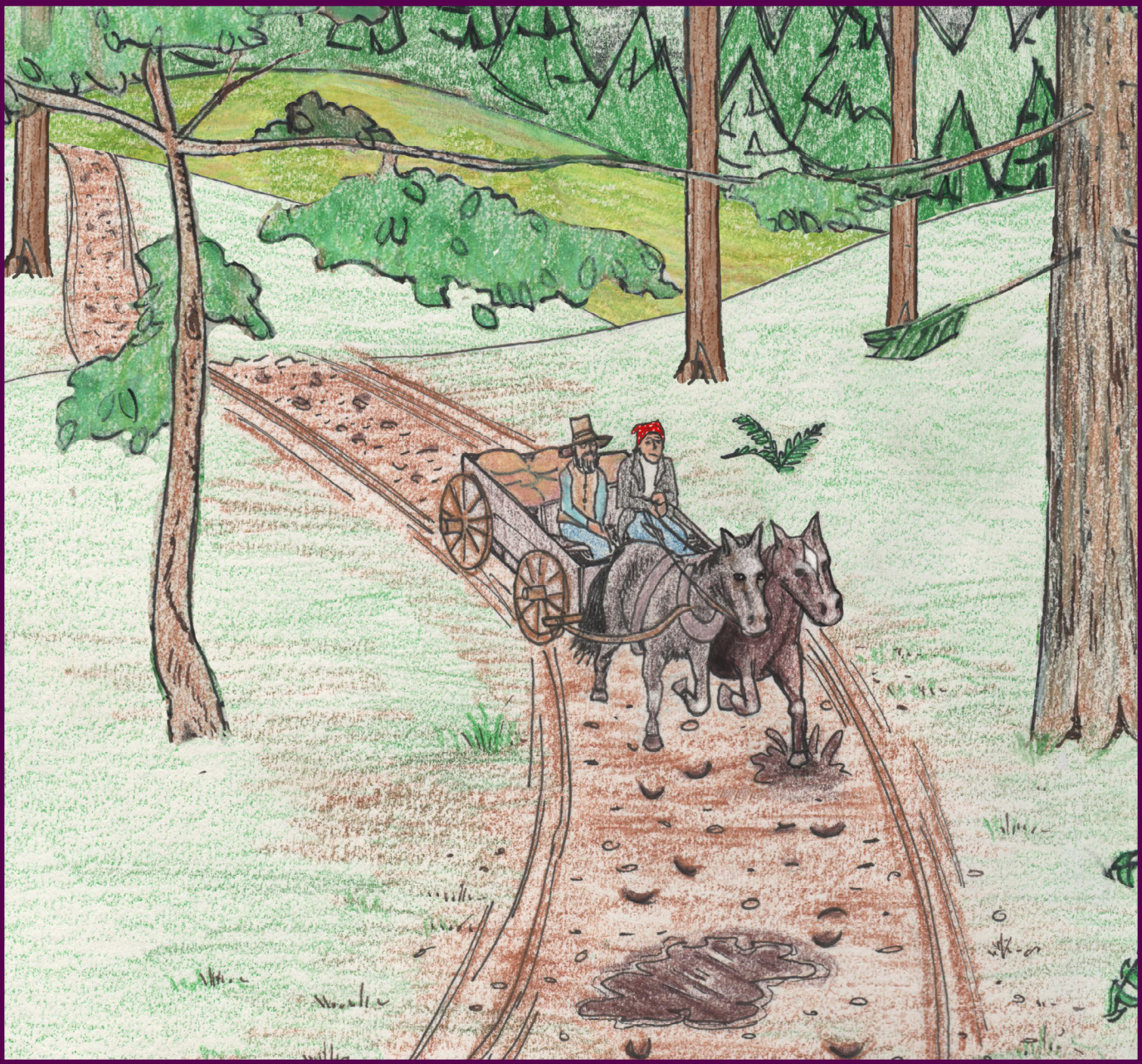
Instructions: Match the photographs of past and present vehicles.
(2 points each)

Past	Present

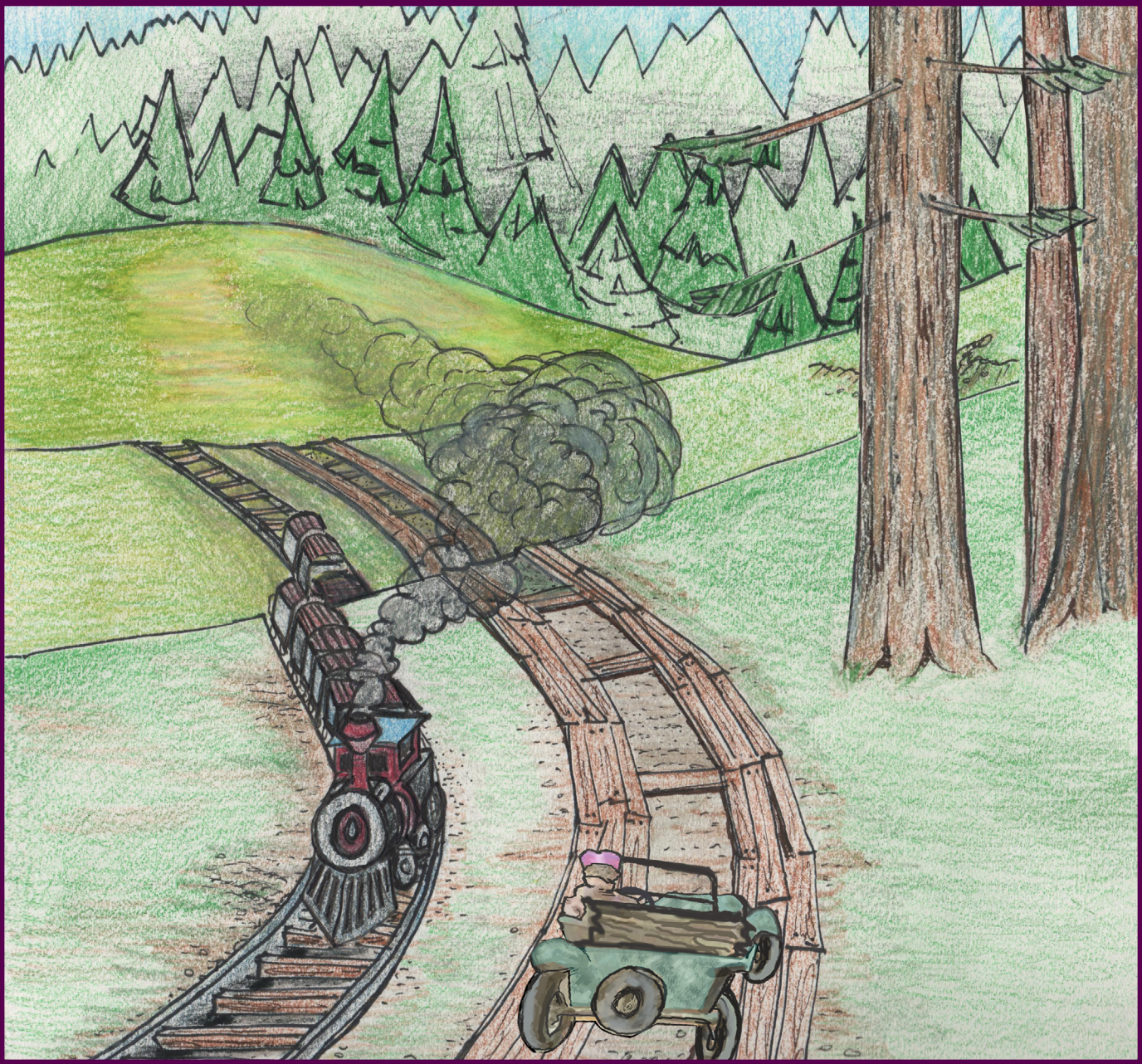
VA #2 Story of a Road: Walking Path

VA #3 Story of a Road: Horse Trail

VA #4 Story of a Road: Wagon Trail



VA #5 Story of a Road: Early Road and Rail



VA #6 Story of a Road: Modern Road and Rail

VA #7 Story of a Road: The Highway

VA #8 USPS

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VA #9 Story of the Mail: Sending Letters

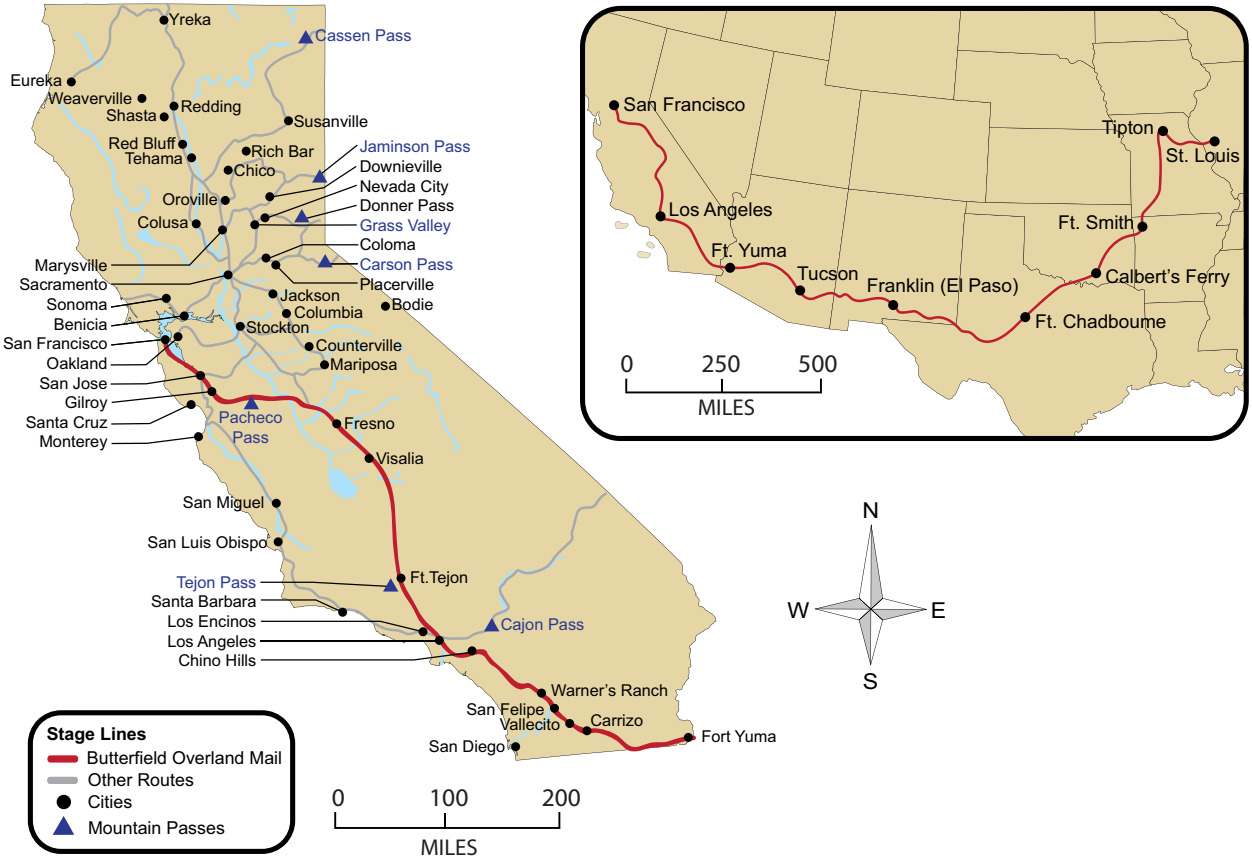
Many years ago, people living in California got their mail only about once a month. They wanted it more often. They also wanted the mail to come faster.

VA #10 Story of the Mail: The Stagecoach

John Butterfield started a stagecoach company that carried the mail faster. The stagecoach carried people and other things, too.

VA #11 Story of the Mail: Across State Lines

Butterfield Overland Mail & Other Stage Lines 1850s–1860s



The Butterfield Stagecoach ran from St. Louis, Missouri to San Francisco, California. It made this trip two times each week. This map shows the stagecoach route connecting St. Louis and San Francisco.

VA #12 Story of the Mail: Horse Power

Galloping horses pulled the stagecoach all day and all night.

VA #13 Story of the Mail: The Way Station

The stagecoach made short stops at way stations along the way.

VA #14 Story of the Mail: Resting and Eating

Horses got something to eat and drink at the way stations. Sometimes tired horses were replaced with rested horses. People also got something to eat and drink.

VA #15 Story of the Mail: A Long Trip

The trip was long and hard for the passengers. The ride was bumpy and dusty. Some passengers were on the stagecoach for 22 days.

VA #16 Story of the Mail: The Pony Express

Some people were still not happy with the mail service. They wanted to get their mail even faster. The Pony Express started. “Express” means fast.

VA #17 Story of the Mail: A Relay Race

The Pony Express used galloping horses. Horses changed every 15 miles. Riders carried the mail in leather pouches. The mail arrived much faster.

VA #18 Story of the Mail: Engine Power

Once the engine was invented, the mail was no longer delivered by horse. Steam trains, then trucks, and then planes carried the mail from place to place.

VA #19 Gas Station

VA #20 Going the Distance: Page 1

Instructions: Read about each person and circle the best answer. (2 points each)

1. José is a farmer. He wants to take some tomatoes and lettuce to the farmers' market in town. What kind of vehicle do you think he should use?

2. Alexa lives in California. She wants to visit her brother in New York. This is very far away and she wants to get there fast. What kind of vehicle do you think she should use?

3. Eli wants to travel down the river near his house. What kind of vehicle do you think he should use?

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4. Lili lived more than a hundred years ago. Her family moved from St. Louis to California. They had to travel very far. What kind of vehicle do you think they used?

5. Roy lived on a farm in California before cars were made. He went to school every day near the farm. How do you think Roy traveled to school?