

Off Across the Fells

Who is the man in the picture?

What is the pony pulling in the sled?

Where are they going?

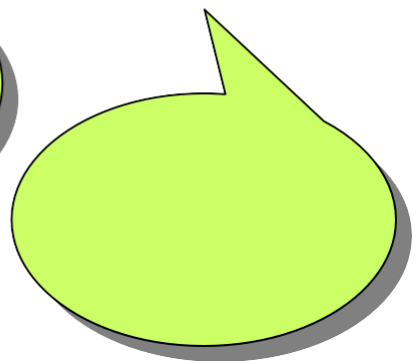
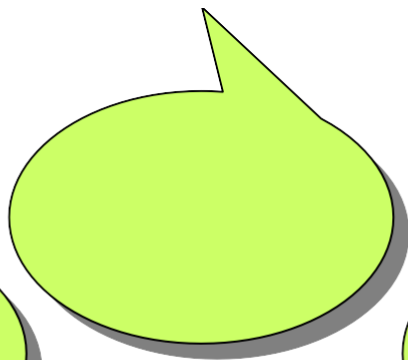
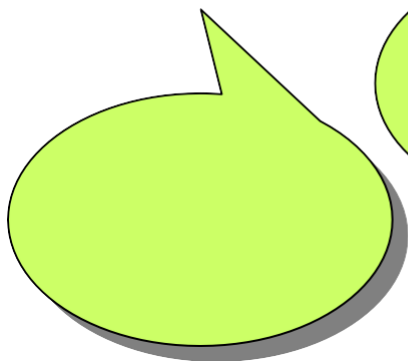
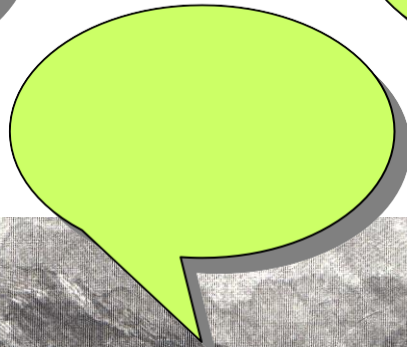


Where have they travelled from?

Why are they travelling along this very difficult path?

When do you think this picture was drawn?

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Task: Choose 1 of the men below and write an account of their journey across the Fells.

Moses Rigg *might* be explaining to the Judge who tried him at court, what he was supposed to do, and what he actually did! Whereas, the others were quarrymen mining the slate from the fells at Honister. So their lives would be quite different.

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Moses Rigg was a quarryman who used his job to cover up his other trade....illegal smuggling of whisky or moonshine as it was known! He is supposed to have made good quality roofing slates as well as moonshine. He hid his illegal moonshine in a small stone hut high up on the north side of Great Gable. He clearly sold both of the goods he made!

He was eventually caught and punished for his illegal trade, with a heavy fine he had to pay.

Charles Norman (1753 from Buttermere)
George Allen (1780 from Seatoller)
Joseph Watson (1787 from Stonethwaite)
William Hunter (1787 from Rosthwaite)
Richard Bowes (1788 from Grange)

We know very little about these men, apart from their names, dates they started work and where they were from. So you will have to use the information you have gathered and imagination to complete your account.
