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The article, "Westward expansion" described the Pony Express and explained how it works. The Pony Express was a mail system delivering mail to and from the west. The way the pony express works is that a rider would carry a sack of mail and ride on a horse. He would ride on the horse until the next station, which was typically ten to fifteen miles away, where he would switch to a fresh horse. That way, the rider would be able to always get the benefit of a rested horse so he could travel faster. The mail delivery usually only took nine days unlike the months it used to take!

This reminds me of when firefighters used to use the bucket line. The bucket line was when the firefighters would stand in a line leading towards the fire. They would pass a bucket of water to the next one in line until the last person dumps the water onto the fire rather than one person running to the fire and back becoming out of breath. The bucket line not only was a more efficient way of putting a fire out, it also made the fire fighters less tired.

In both of these cases, a relay system is used to reach the goal of delivering, whatever it is, faster. It also shows that if someone was to go solo, they would be slower and they would be tired out quicker. That shows that if you work together with other people, you will be able to achieve your goal not only more efficiently, but you will also be less drained when you finish the task.