

How Has The Use Of Horses Changed Over Time?

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My topic is how the use of horses has changed over time, in the olden days horses were used mostly for plowing fields, pulling carriages, and for war, now they are used just for enjoyment and for the fun of it. I chose to do a photo essay about this topic because I thought it was important for people to understand that horses were very important back then and lots of people needed their horses for their everyday life. I also wanted people to know that even though horses can no longer carry a soldier into a battle or pull plows, our relationship with these animals has not ended.

I interviewed Tony Danza, the one who started Jamaica Bay riding academy, (the barn I go to) in the interview Tony said, “lots of people used cold blood horses to work on farms, they pull the soil. They do a lot of things around the farm that help a lot.” Tony also said “ There’s a lot of different type of riding styles at the riding academy, styles they didn’t have a long time ago, they have, dressage, hunter equation, evening, jumpers, Gymkhana, and raining horses.”

Sometimes when you go to Central Park you see a horse and carriage, that horse and carriage is a pretty good example of how people used to get around in the olden days, people didn’t just take their car, they had to use their horse, that’s just one way that horses were useful back then.

I remember the first time I ever rode a horse, I remember getting on a horse named Lenex, I knew I would love horseback riding the minute I got on, I had so much fun and wanted to come back the next week! I decided to ride because I love to work with these amazing animals, and I love to do competitions. Although some people in the olden days did like to ride horses, they didn’t do it for fun, or for competitions, they did it because horses were really the only way of transportation, and to get some the work done.

According to *American Museum Of Natural History*, Horses are still a part of our lives, today, however, they are used less for work, travel, warfare and more for companionship.

The Use Of Horses Back Then...

Many years ago horses and carriages were used for transportation. As you have already seen in old movies, horse and carriages were used to get around. They were used to get around mostly from 1815 through 1915. One name for horse and carriage is horse and buggy. A buggy was used to get around instead of horseback riding through this time period because horseback riding in towns and rural areas required more specific skills than driving a horse and buggy.



The Use Of Horses Now...

You may have been to a horse show or seen a horse and rider competing on TV, it's pretty different from what horseback riding was like a long time ago. Now people ride because it's fun and enjoyable, people also ride because they want to experience what it was like a really long time ago .







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Even though the use of horses has changed a lot over time, horses used to be used for pulling carriages, plowing fields, transportation, and war, and now they are used just for enjoyment, our relationship with these amazing animals has definitely not ended.