Spinning Around the Globe by Bicycle in 1884

Vocabulary
Pedal - to move your feet when riding a bicycle
Rest stop - place for drivers to stop, eat, rest, buy gasoline, use the bathroom
Resourcefulness - quick thinking top find answers to problems
Primitive - old and basic
Wagon - a ‘car’ that a horse pulls
Automobile - car
Railroad tracks - the long metal ‘road’ for a train
Reliable - dependable, good and correct
Trestle - bridge for a train
Encounter - meet
Contraption - a strange machine
Astounded - very surprised
Deity - a god
All of a sudden - quickly, when no one expects something
Diabolic - like a devil
Laborer - worker
Create a stir - make people very interested
Constantinople - old name for Istanbul
Tehran - capital of Iran
Ranch - big farm with cows and horses
Iron mill - iron factory
Miner - person who works underground, finding metals, such as gold
Ambitious - wanting to do more, do better

Questions
1) Who was Thomas Stevens?
2) Who is Thomas Pauly?
3) Where did Stevens start his trip? When?
4) How long did his trip take?
5) How much did his bicycle weigh?
6) Was his trip easy or hard in these places?

the Sierra Nevada Mountains _________ the eastern US _________
Europe _________ China _________
7) How did Stevens go over the mountains?

8) Fill in the blanks—“1884, there were no ______________, no ______________, no ______________. How did he do it?”

9) Where was Stevens from?

10) Complete these sentences from the last part of the report, beginning at about 3:14.

   He ______________ encountered what a lot of ______________ did. He was ______________ nowhere, he wasn’t ______________ money, he ______________ making a livelihood, so he ______________ accounts of people who had ______________ and failed to ride ______________ the United States, and it is astounding. He ______________ the decision to ride ______________ the United States before he ever ______________ a bicycle because he took his ______________, went to San Francisco, ______________ the bicycle, got rather adept at ______________ it by riding around Golden Gate ______________, and then said, “I’m off!”