

Suspension Bridges

Complete each sentence with a word that makes the sentence true.

The _____ bridge is the earliest form of suspension bridge .

These early bridges consisted of vines twisted together to form _____.

This could then be attached to a _____ on each side of the canyon or river.

Many years later, a man named _____ spun _____ to create strong cable.

Using these cables, he and other civil engineers were able to build _____ bridges, which were able to cross areas that _____ bridge were not.

Vocabulary Practice:

From the passage, **cable** most likely means:

- ☐ television ☐ bridge ☐ twisted rope ☐ tree

From the passage, **distribute** most likely means:

- ☐ spread out ☐ allow ☐ force ☐ spin

From the passage, **consequences** most likely means:

- ☐ unfortunate events ☐ results ☐ lessons ☐ accidents



Draw a beam bridge.



Draw a suspension bridge.

Explain why the suspension bridge is better for crossing longer distances than the beam bridge.
