

THE OREGON TRAIL EXPERIENCE

Historical Travel Brochure

Name: _____

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As you read the lines:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Why did they:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

13. Describe three types of diseases/illnesses and symptoms that were common on the Oregon Trail.

Disease

14. List six:

17. Describe three games pioneer children played while on the Trail.

Games

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15. Describe _____

Bread

Lunch

Dinner

16. List six:

18. Name _____

19. Describe _____

20. List _____

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Panel 1: Cover

- Draw a cover picture.
- Write one sentence convincing people to join your wagon train to Oregon!

Panel 2: Frequently Asked Questions

- Write historically accurate answers for each question.

Panel 3: Moving West

- Give three reasons pioneers moved west. Draw a picture for each reason.

Panel 4: Oregon Trail Information

- Write historically accurate information for each bullet point.

Panel 5: St. Louis Supply Co.

- Design an advertisement for the St. Louis Supply Co. Your ad must contain at least **five** tools or supplies the pioneers might need to purchase for their journey on the Oregon Trail. Draw a picture and label each item.

Panel 6: Oregon Trail Map

- Draw in the route of the Oregon Trail.
- Label St. Louis, Chimney Rock, Fort Laramie, the Rocky Mountains, and Oregon.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long is the Trail? _____ miles
2. How long will it take to get to Oregon? _____ months
3. How many hours each day will we travel? _____ hours
4. What types of diseases do people suffer from on the Trail?
5. What dangers might we face on the Trail?
6. Which Native American tribes might we encounter on the Trail?

REASONS TO MOVE WEST

1ST

2ND

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RESEARCH and WRITE

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Oregon Trail Information

Food:

- ◆
- ◆
- ◆

Games:

- ◆
- ◆
- ◆

Weapons:

- ◆
- ◆
- ◆

Fun Facts:

- ◆
- ◆

St. Louis Supply Co.



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Bibliography

As you research the Oregon Trail, make sure to record the **sources** of your information on the lines below.

1. _____
2. _____
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Moving West

Why did the pioneers risk everything to move west? List three reasons below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Disease

13. Describe three types of diseases/illnesses **and** symptoms that were common on the Oregon Trail.

- _____
- _____
- _____

Food and Supplies

14. List six typical foods the pioneers stocked in their wagons before heading west.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

15. Describe a typical breakfast, lunch, and dinner on the Trail.

Breakfast: _____

Lunch: _____

Dinner: _____

16. List six examples of tools and other supplies the pioneers needed for the long trip west.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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Games

17. Describe three games pioneer children played while on the Trail.

- _____
- _____
- _____

Native Americans

18. Name two Native American tribes encountered by the pioneers on the Oregon Trail.

19. Describe two ways Native Americans helped the pioneers on the Oregon Trail.

- _____
- _____

Fun Facts

20. List two fun facts you learned while researching the Oregon Trail.

- _____
- _____

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Transportation

4. How long was the Oregon Trail? _____ miles
5. What did pioneers travel in to get to Oregon? _____
6. How many miles per day did the average pioneer travel? _____
7. Where was the starting point of the Trail for most pioneers? _____
8. What type of animal pulled the wagons? _____
9. Why didn't most pioneers ride in their wagons? _____

Weapons

10. List three types of weapons and/or ammunition the pioneers brought with them on the Trail.

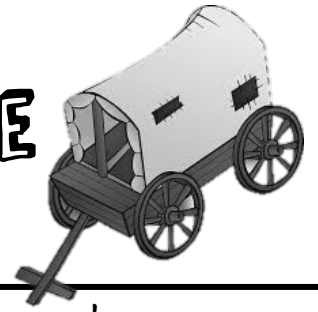
Dangers

11. Why was crossing rivers dangerous for the pioneers on the Oregon Trail? _____

12. What types of dangerous weather did the pioneers have to face on their journey west? _____

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