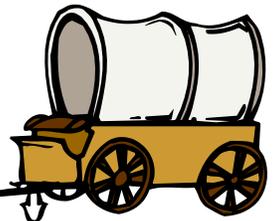


OREGON TRAIL



1. The Oregon Trail started in the state of _____.

2. People used _____ or _____
to pull their wagons.

3. A pioneer is someone who _____
_____.

4. What is one reason a family might take the Oregon Trail?

5. List as many things as you can that people needed to bring
with them as they traveled on the Oregon Trail:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



6. Why did families travel in wagon trains? _____

7. Why was it good to be the wagon in the front? _____

8. How did wagons cross over streams and rivers? _____

9. Describe the Great Plains. _____

10. Why was it important to have guards at night? _____



11. What were some of the dangers of the Oregon Trail?



12. What did pioneers eat? _____

13. How did pioneers cook their food? _____

14. How long did it take to get to Oregon? _____



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OREGON TRAIL ANSWERS

1. Missouri
2. oxen (which could eat the dried grasses along the way and mules (which were more expensive)
3. Pioneers were people who migrated West to settle in a new area.
4. Families wanted to start a new life and to be able to obtain a large tract of land. Some went for the adventure or to escape from their problems.
5. food, clothing, tools, cooking equipment, seeds, spare parts, animals, seedlings, everything they needed to start their new life in the West (Some pioneers succeeded in bringing cows, chickens and pigs.)
6. for defense and to help one another on the dangerous journey
7. Wagons kicked up a lot of dust. The wagon in front generally did not have to contend with as much dust.
8. Often they forded the streams and rivers by driving the mules or oxen into the water and having their animals swim across. This was dangerous as many wagons tipped over or animals or people were swept downstream and sometimes drowned. In some places there were ferries to shuttle the wagons across.
9. flat, grassy, wide expanse with buffalo and other animals
10. to prevent theft or animals from straying away
11. disease, accidents, running out of clean water, running out of fresh grass for their animals, theft by Indians (though Indians were often more of a help to the pioneers than portrayed in books and movies), poisonous plants
12. They brought flour, sugar, cornmeal, coffee, dried beans, rice, bacon and salt port and dried fruit with them. For breakfast they ate beans, cornmeal mush, Johnnycakes or pancakes and coffee. Lunch was something quick and easy (like dried meat or hardtack). For dinner they made stew and baked bread.
13. Pioneers gathered wood or buffalo chips (dried dung) for their cooking fires
14. It took almost six months to get to Oregon.