Oregon Trail Journal

Each group is a traveling family who packs their wagon and heads out West during the movement of Manifest Destiny. Each Journal will consist of 7 total pages including the cover There is a group and individual component.

Group Assignment - 20 points
- Page 1: JOURNAL COVER
  - Family Names
  - Graphic or picture
- Page 2: PLANS
  - A sketch of your wagon
  - Map of the Oregon Trail
  - Detailed description of one stop.
- Page 3: PACKING LIST
  - A list of supplies with weight
  - A list of food with weight

Individual Assignment - 30 points each
- Pages 4-7: 4 INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES
  - One per group member
  - Essential Questions: must answer all for each entry (see attached pages)
  - Picture or Artifact: must include at least one for each entry, you can add more and it is HIGHLY recommended
    - Use the attached pages to help you create each entry

Grading
- Read the questions and instructions for each journal entry carefully.
- You will be graded on the accuracy of your entries and the details you provide.
- Be creative, but make sure your information is based on ACCURATE, HISTORICAL FACTS.
A small picture/sketch of your wagon:
- **Options:**
  - You can use the wagon on the next page. Cut it out neatly and paste it into your journal.
  - You can print a wagon. Try to add in your own sketches, touches.
  - You can sketch a wagon.
- **Essential Labels:**
  - You must HAND LABEL 5 parts of the wagon

A Map of the Oregon Trail:
- **Options:**
  - You can use the map on the next page. Cut it out neatly and paste it into your journal.
  - You can find and print a map online (google Oregon Trail Map)
    - If you print a map or use the one below, add your own touches like sketches, pictures, rivers, mountains, etc.
  - You can draw your own map.
- **Essential Labels:**
  - What city you started your journey
  - Territories you traveled through (like Chimney Rock and Alice Springs)
  - Where you ended your journey

Detailed Description of One Stop:
- **Essential Questions:**
  - Where is the stop? What territory? Is it near mountains, rivers, etc.?
  - Describe the stop. Explain your first impression of the stop
  - Explain why pioneers would stop here. Why did you stop here?
  - The stop must be a place you labeled on your map of the Trail
  - Make sure you add a graphic, sketch, or printed picture.
- **Research Options:**
  - Websites: Google stops on the Oregon Trail
    - [www.historyglobe.com/ot/otmap2.htm](http://www.historyglobe.com/ot/otmap2.htm)
    - [www.legendsofamerica.com/we-oregontrail.html](http://www.legendsofamerica.com/we-oregontrail.html)
    - [http://oregontrail101.com/sites.html](http://oregontrail101.com/sites.html)

List of Supplies/Food:
- Use your packet pages to help. List the 10 most important items.
- Add pictures of a few of the items.
Detailed Description of One Stop Sentence Starter:
We stopped at many places, but one spot in particular was___________________________!
It was named ____________________________ because...

List of Essential Supplies:

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Pictures:
Page 4: Your Traveling Family and Daily Life

Use the following as a checklist

○ **Essential Questions:**
  - Describe the group (your family) that you are traveling with on the trail.
  - Explain why you are leaving home
  - Choose one or MORE from the following list, you can combine ideas, most people left for MANY reasons.
    - Economic reasons:
      - New jobs, opportunities for work, search for gold, etc.
    - Better climate, fertile land
      - Look up the weather/land in the state you started from and the weather in Oregon
    - Did you read pamphlets about the “pioneer’s Paradise”?
      - Check out ads for Oregon country – did they convince you to move?

○ **Ideas for research:**
  - Google advertisements for Oregon 1800s. you can print them to add to page
  - Make sure you add a graphic, sketch, artifact, or printed picture.

○ **Make sure to add a graphic, sketch, artifact, or printed picture**
Our great adventure to Oregon began with excitement and anticipation!

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Page 5: A Typical Day on the Trail

Assigned to: _________________________________________________________________

Use the following as a checklist

- **Essential Questions:**
  - When did you wake up? Breakfast? What did you eat?
  - Chores to start the day/take down camp
  - Method of travel throughout the day
  - Chores during the day
  - Games kids would play throughout the day
  - When did you stop for lunch? Food?
  - When did you stop for dinner? Food?
  - What did you do for fun after dinner?
  - Chores to set up camp?
  - What were some potential dangers? What did you do to keep everyone safe?
  - You can use a daily schedule in addition to your paragraph

- **Ideas for research:**
  - Google “daily routine on the Oregon Trail”
  - Some websites (there are more – make sure you google the above)
    - [www.oregontrailcenter.org/HistoricalTrails/ADayOnTheTrail.htm](http://www.oregontrailcenter.org/HistoricalTrails/ADayOnTheTrail.htm)
    - [www.nativeamerican.co.uk/emig2.html](http://www.nativeamerican.co.uk/emig2.html)
    - [www.blm.gov/or/oregontrail/education-kids-trail.php](http://www.blm.gov/or/oregontrail/education-kids-trail.php)

- **Make sure you add a graphic, sketch artifact or printed picture**
**Journal Page 5 Rough Draft: Your Daily Routine**

**Green Introductory Sentence:**

Our days were long and eventful!

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**Yellow Star Idea:**

*A typical day on the trail was*

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**Red:** A typical day on the trail involved many tasks.

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Page 6: One hardship Your Family Endured

Assigned to: __________________________________________________________

Use the following as a checklist

- **Essential questions:**
  - What were the consequences to your journey because of the hardship?
  - How did it make you feel? Do you regret the trip? Want to push forward?
  - Choose one or MORE of the following situations to help you answer the essential questions:
    - Accidents or Diseases:
    - Broken wagon: wheels, axels
    - Loss of supplies
    - Problems crossing rivers - drowning
    - Getting over mountains – freezing
    - Injuries/Illnesses – cholera, dysentery, typhus, fevers
    - Attacks
    - Bandits or other pioneer groups
    - Weather Issues
    - Buffalo stampedes
    - Snake bites
    - Coyote attacks
    - Bear Attacks

- **Ideas for research:**
  - Packet pages
  - Google dangers on the Oregon Trail
  - Other websites:
    - [www.oregontrailcenter.org/HistoricalTrails/Dangers.htm](http://www.oregontrailcenter.org/HistoricalTrails/Dangers.htm)
    - [www.octa-trails.org/learn/trail-facts](http://www.octa-trails.org/learn/trail-facts)
    - [www.frontiertrails.com/oldwest/oregontrail.htm](http://www.frontiertrails.com/oldwest/oregontrail.htm)

- **Make sure you add a graphic, sketch or printed picture!**
**Journal Page 6 Rough Draft: Hardship You Faced**

Green Introductory Sentence:

We faced many frightful dangers on the Trail! This hardship happened in (location)

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Page 7: One Group of People You Met on the Trail

Assigned to: __________________________________________________________

Use the following as a checklist

- **Essential Questions:**
  - Where did this group go? When did they go?
  - Why did this group move west? What were they looking for?
  - What were they doing? Who did they meet?
  - What hardships, successes or failures did they face?
  - What happened to them?
  - Choose from the following Groups of People to help answer the Essential Questions:
    - Californios
    - Mountain Men
    - Mormons
    - Missionaries
    - Forty-Niners
    - Pioneers in general
    - Donners
    - Sagers

- **Ideas for Research:**
  - Packet Pages
  - Google your Group

- **Make sure to add a graphic, sketch or printed picture!**
We met many different groups of people on the Trail. One group stood out from the rest.

Yellow Star Idea:

* What Group did you meet?

Red: Where did this group go? When did they go?

Why did this group move west? What were they looking for?

What were they doing? Who did they meet?

What hardships, successes, or failures did they face?

What happened to them?
**Pioneer Journal Group Grade:** ____________/20

- ___________ Cover with name and picture
- ___________ Labeled Wagon – 5 parts
- ___________ Labeled Map – starting city, ending city, 3 stops, states, States/Territories
- ___________ List of Supplies and Food with weights
- ___________ Detailed Description on one stop
- **Needed:**

  - **Individual Pages:** ____________/30

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**Excellent:**
- Detailed, fact and research based, answered questions, authentic, accurate
- No spelling/grammatical errors, clear paragraph structure
- Excellent, creative pictures, realia

**Good:**
- Needed more facts, details, research, answer more questions, accuracy
- Spelling/grammatical errors, paragraph structure unclear in places
- Good pictures, realia, could have used more effort

**Fair/Needed Work:**
- Needed more detail, facts, research, accuracy
- Incomplete, did not follow instructions, questions
- Spelling/grammatical errors, paragraph structure unclear – hard to follow
- Pictures missing or needed more effort