

Oregon Trail Travel Blog

Name: _____ Due Date: _____ Points: _____

- Directions
 - Create a travel blog of your adventures on the Oregon Trail.
 - Your journal must have 5 pages within your site:
 - About Me (or Us)
 - Packing List including Wagon Diagram (must make your own)
 - Interactive Map (must make your own)
 - Must include 4 stops with descriptions on your choosing
 - Blog Page with 4 entries (See checklist on following page)
 - Typical Day on the Trail
 - One stop on the Trail
 - One hardship faced on the Trail
 - One group you met on the Trail
 - Bonus Page of your choosing (if not on the list must be approved)
 - Video Demonstration
 - Create video of you demonstrating one task of your choice that had to be completed on the Trail
 - Attach Instagram page
 - Must include 10 posts of your choosing w/comments
 - Trading Post
 - In site store where travelers can purchase items, must include links
 - Recipes/Cookbook
 - 3 detailed recipes (ingredients/instructions) using only items you have in your wagon – they **MUST** be your own recipes
 - Travel tips (see Rick Steeves site)
 - must have 4 categories with 3 tips each: Packing Light, Theft & Scams, Attacks, Sightseeing & Activities, Money, Trip Planning, Money, Sleeping & Eating, Transportation, Guides, Health & Hygiene
 - Playlist
 - Create playlist of 15 songs, with reasons why you chose each one, must add two YouTube links with two of the songs
- Creative Aspect
 - Neat
 - Organized
 - Pictures/Realia on each page (could include slideshow)
- Grade:
 - Read the questions and instructions for each page (above) and blog entry (below) carefully. Use them as a guide. You can add more information.
 - You will be graded on the **HISTORICAL ACCURACY** of your entries and the **AUTHENTIC DETAILS** you provide. Be creative, but make sure your **INFORMATION IS BASED ON FACTS.**

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Blog Entry 1: Typical Day on the Trail Ideas

- Google Daily routine on the Oregon Trail
- Some websites (there are more – make sure you google the above):
 - <http://www.oregontrailcenter.org/HistoricalTrails/ADayOnTheTrail.htm>
 - <http://www.nativeamerican.co.uk/emig2.html>
 - <http://www.blm.gov/or/oregontrail/education-kids-trail.php>
- Checklist
 - ✓ When did you wake up? Breakfast?
 - ✓ Chores to start the day/take down camp
 - ✓ Method of travel throughout the day/animals you had/type of wagon
 - ✓ Chores during the day
 - ✓ Games kids would play throughout the day
 - ✓ When did you stop? Dinner?
 - ✓ What did you do for fun after dinner?
 - ✓ Chores to set up camp?
 - ✓ What kind of clothes did you have? Shoes/Boots?
 - ✓ What were some potential dangers? What did you do to keep
 - ✓ Everyone safe?
 - ✓ How far did you travel in a day?

Blog Entry 2: Stop on the Trail Ideas

- The stop must be a place you labeled on your map of the Trail.
- Make sure you add a graphic
- Some websites (there are more – make sure you google the above):
 - <http://www.historyglobe.com/ot/otmap2.htm>
 - <http://www.legendsofamerica.com/we-oregontrail.html>
 - <http://oregontrail101.com/sites.html>
- Checklist:
 - ✓ Where is this 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?
 - ✓ What did you do there? How far have you traveled? How far to Oregon?

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Blog Entry 3: Hardship on the Trail Ideas

- Make sure you add a graphic
- Some websites (there are more – make sure you google the above):
 - <http://www.oregontrailcenter.org/HistoricalTrails/Dangers.htm>
 - <http://www.octa-trails.org/learn/trail-facts>
 - <http://www.frontiertrails.com/oldwest/oregontrail.htm>
- Checklist (you should use more than one hardship!!):
 - ✓ Accidents or Disease/Weather Issues
 - Broken wagon, wheels, axels; Lack or loss of supplies
 - Problems crossing rivers, Problems getting over mountains, Storms
 - Injuries/Illness, Disease, Death to pioneers
 - ✓ Attacks
 - By Indian groups, Bandits or other Pioneer Groups
 - Stampedes of Buffalo
 - Snake bites, Coyote attacks, Bear attacks, etc.

Blog Entry 4: One Group Encountered

- Make sure you add a graphic, sketch, or printed picture!
- Choose from the following groups of people:
 - Californios
 - Mountain Men
 - Mormons
 - Missionaries
 - Forty-Niners
 - Donners
 - Sagers
- Use your Workbook reading or Google the group
- Checklist:
 - ✓ Where did this group go or hope to go?
 - ✓ Why did this group move west? What were they looking for, doing?
 - ✓ Did they face any hardships, prejudice, successes, failures?
 - ✓ What happened to them?