Oregon Trail Travel Blog

Directions
• Create a travel blog of your adventures on the Oregon Trail.
• Your journal must have 5 pages within your site:
  o About Me (or Us)
  o Packing List including Wagon Diagram (must make your own)
  o Interactive Map (must make your own)
    ▪ Must include 4 stops with descriptions on your choosing
  o 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
  o 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 Steves 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.
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

- 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?
Blog Entry 3: Hardship on the Trail Ideas
  o Make sure you add a graphic
  o 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
  o 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
  o Make sure you add a graphic, sketch, or printed picture!
  o Choose from the following groups of people:
    ▪ Californios
    ▪ Mountain Men
    ▪ Mormons
    ▪ Missionaries
    ▪ Forty-Niners
    ▪ Donners
    ▪ Sagers
  o Use your Workbook reading or Google the group
  o 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?