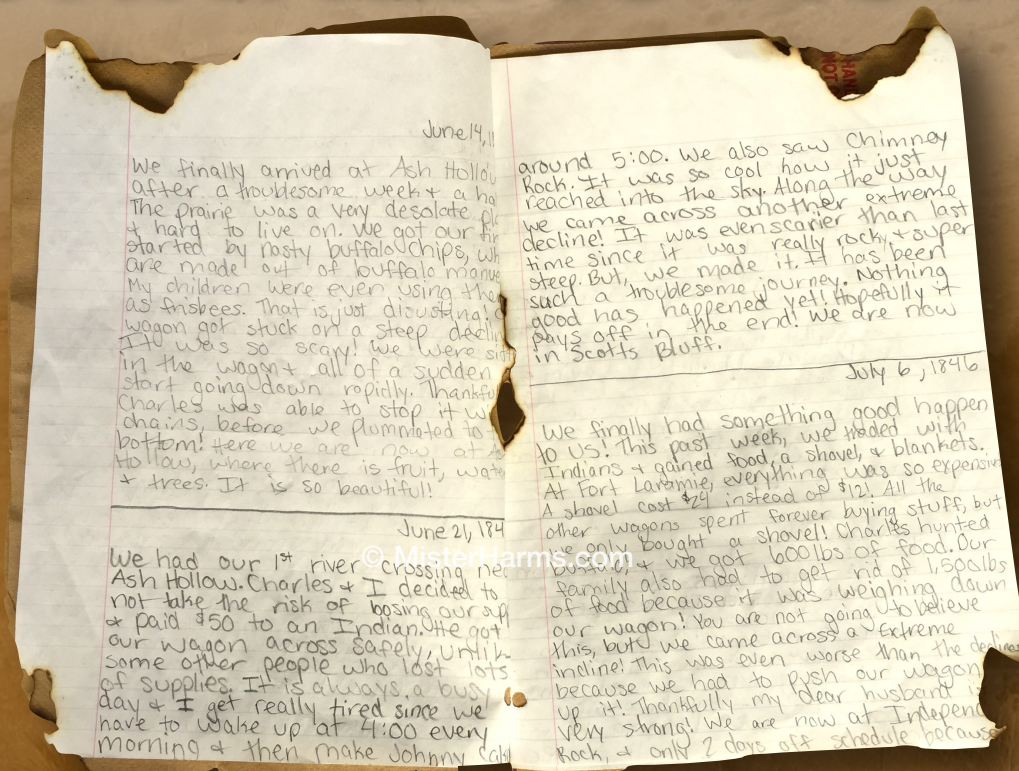


# OREGON TRAIL SIMULATION & JOURNALING ACTIVITY



### MONEY REGISTER

The Oregon Trail

Emigrant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wagon \_\_\_\_\_

Transaction Description	+/- dollar amount
1. Occupation	

### PRICE LIST

The Oregon Trail

Score: You may buy any of the items below. Each wagon must have the bold items.

Item	Price
lbs	\$2.00
lbs	\$1.00
lbs	\$1.00
lbs	\$3.00

MISC SUPPLIES	
Dutch Oven	\$15
Candles	\$5
Fiddle	\$15

### TEACHER GUIDE

The Oregon Trail

**Overview**  
This lesson is a classroom simulation to be used in conjunction with your current Oregon Trail or Westward unit. Use all information as a guide and feel free to adjust any of the rules to best fit your class. You have found that it brings excitement and enjoyment to the study of the Oregon Trail.

### FOOD REGISTER

The Oregon Trail

Emigrant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wagon \_\_\_\_\_

Description	+/- lbs of Food	Grand Total

### INTRODUCTION

The Oregon Trail

**Overview**  
The year is 1846 and you are about to embark upon a historical trip of a lifetime. Get ready for hopefully some luck as you set out as an emigrant for Oregon Country. You will "OFF" point in Independence, Missouri where you will get the supplies needed for your journey. The year is 1846 and you are about to embark upon a historical trip of a lifetime. Get ready for hopefully some luck as you set out as an emigrant for Oregon Country. You will "OFF" point in Independence, Missouri where you will get the supplies needed for your journey.

### MILEAGE CHART

The Oregon Trail

Though the entire trail was 2,170 miles, the trail from Independence, MO to Oregon City is 1,930 miles. The average wagon could make the trip in 4-6 months. That average is based on approximately 15 miles per day (which is extremely less than 15 miles per hour). The following is the mileage chart as they began the trail.

### SUPPLY REGISTER

The Oregon Trail

Emigrant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wagon \_\_\_\_\_

Supply Item	Quantity	Additional Notes

### MOVEMENT GUIDE

The Oregon Trail

1st die rolled is roman numeral category - 2nd die rolled is number under category

**I. Equipment Problems - lose one day unless specified**

1. Wheel broke - Replace, or hire Indian \$50 to get to next stop.
2. Axle broke - Replace, trade with another wagon, fix if farmer or hire a farmer
3. Wagon Cover ripped - Replace, trade with another wagon, fix if farmer, or hire farmer
4. Oxen Yoke broke - Replace, trade with another wagon, fix if farmer, or hire farmer
5. Loose & Cheaky Wagon - use grease, trade with another wagon or buy grease
6. Stuck in Mud - lose 1 day unless you have a shovel

**II. Weather Problems - Lose 1 day unless specified**

1. Fog - lose 2 days if you don't have a compass.
2. Extreme cold weather - having blankets = safe, no blankets = youngest dies
3. Windstorm: Loose Cover - replace, trade with another wagon, buy from Indian (\$50)
4. Drought - lose 1 day and having water canteen = safe, no canteen = youngest dies
5. Grass fire - lose 1 day unless you have a shovel


Destination	Trip Mileage	Total
Independence, MO	0	
Fort Kearny	319	
River/Ash Hollow	185	
Timber Rock	57	
Buff (1/3 completed marker)	35	
Ft. Laramie	54	
Independence Rock	165	
Devils Pass	10	
(almost 1/2 way)	89	
Ridge	112	
Springs	132	
Red Crossing	240	
Buff Hill	203	
Mission	109	
Wells	110	
Pass	58	
Oregon City	52	



ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND HANDOUTS ARE INCLUDED!  
JUST PRINT & GO OR USE **GOOGLE DRIVE VERSIONS!**


# STUDENT HANDOUTS

- ★ STUDENTS WORK IN TEAMS AS WAGON FAMILIES
- ★ EACH STUDENT DOCUMENTS VARIOUS TASKS ALONG THE TRAIL
- ★ MONEY, FOOD, SUPPLIES, AND CALENDAR DAYS ARE ALL RECORDED
- ★ DIVERSE LEARNING STYLES




## PRICE LIST

The Oregon Trail



Welcome to the general store. You may buy any of the items below. Each wagon must have the bold items.

FOOD		
Flour	40 lbs	\$2.00
Cornmeal	20 lbs	\$1.00
Rice	20 lbs	\$1.00
Dried Fruit	10 lbs	\$3.00
Molasses	10 lbs	\$1.00
Coffee	5 lbs	\$2.00
Tea	5 lbs	\$2.00
Bacon	40 lbs	\$4.00
Dried Beef	40 lbs	\$6.00




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## SUPPLY REGISTER

The Oregon Trail

Emigrant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wagon \_\_\_\_\_

Supply Item	Quantity	Additional Notes
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## CALENDAR


The Oregon Trail

Emigrant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

May - 1846			
4	5	6	7
11	12	13	14
18	19	20	21
25	26	27	28


June - 1846			
1	2	3	4
8	9	10	11
15	16	17	18
22	23	24	25
29	30		

July - 1846			
6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30




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The Oregon Trail



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Destination	Trip Mileage	Total Miles Traveled
Independence, MO	0	0
Fort Kearny	319	319
		504
		561
		596
		650
		815
		825



## MOVEMENT GUIDE

The Oregon Trail

*1<sup>st</sup> die rolled is roman numeral category -- 2<sup>nd</sup> die rolled is number under category*

**I. Equipment Problems** – *lose one day unless specified*

- Wheel Broken – Replace, or hire Indian \$50 to get to next stop.
- Axle Broken – Replace, inside with another wagon, fix if farmer or hire a farmer
- Wagon Cover ripped – Replace, made with another wagon, or fix if you have a sewing kit
- Utensil Broken – Replace, made with another wagon, fix if farmer, or hire farmer.
- Loose or Missing Nail
- Stuck in M

**II. Weather Problems**

- Fog – lose
- Extreme heat
- Windy
- Drought
- Grass fire
- Trees down

**III. Terrain Difficulties**

- Rocky Ter
- Stuck in M
- Extreme h
- River Cross
  - a.
  - b.
- Extreme I
  - a.
  - b.
- Toll Road

**IV. Crisis**

- Cholera D
- Snake Bite
  - a.
  - b.
- Wolves an
- Get lost
- Indian Att
- Scarlet Fe

**V. Good Fortune** – gain

- Trade with
- Find shoo
- Find Fruit
- Good Prop
- Find a sho
- Trade with


**VI. Lucky Day** – gain 1

- Meet India
- Find fish
- Great wood
- Find Treas
- See India
- Relax at C

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# TRAVEL GUIDES INCLUDED


- ★ STUDENTS ROLL THE INCLUDED ONLINE DICE TO DETERMINE OUTCOME
- ★ ALL ROLL-PLAY OUTCOMES ARE INCLUDED FOR SIMULATION
- ★ ACCURATE MILEAGE, MAP AND TRAVEL SCENARIOS PROVIDED



## TRAIL MAP

The Oregon Trail





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**- ELISE ★★★★★ -**

**“LOVE, LOVE, LOVE IT! THIS PRODUCT IS FANTASTIC! ALL OF THE RESEARCH AND LABOR IS DONE FOR YOU...OVERALL, WELL WORTH THE MONEY!!!”**

**- 422HISTORY ★★★★★ -**

**“THIS ACTIVITY WAS SO MUCH FUN AND VERY ORGANIZED. THE STUDENTS LEARNED A LOT.”**

**- MARGARET ★★★★★ -**



**YOU WILL ALSO ENJOY THE INCLUDED VISUAL PRESENTATION TO USE ALONGSIDE THIS SIMULATION!**



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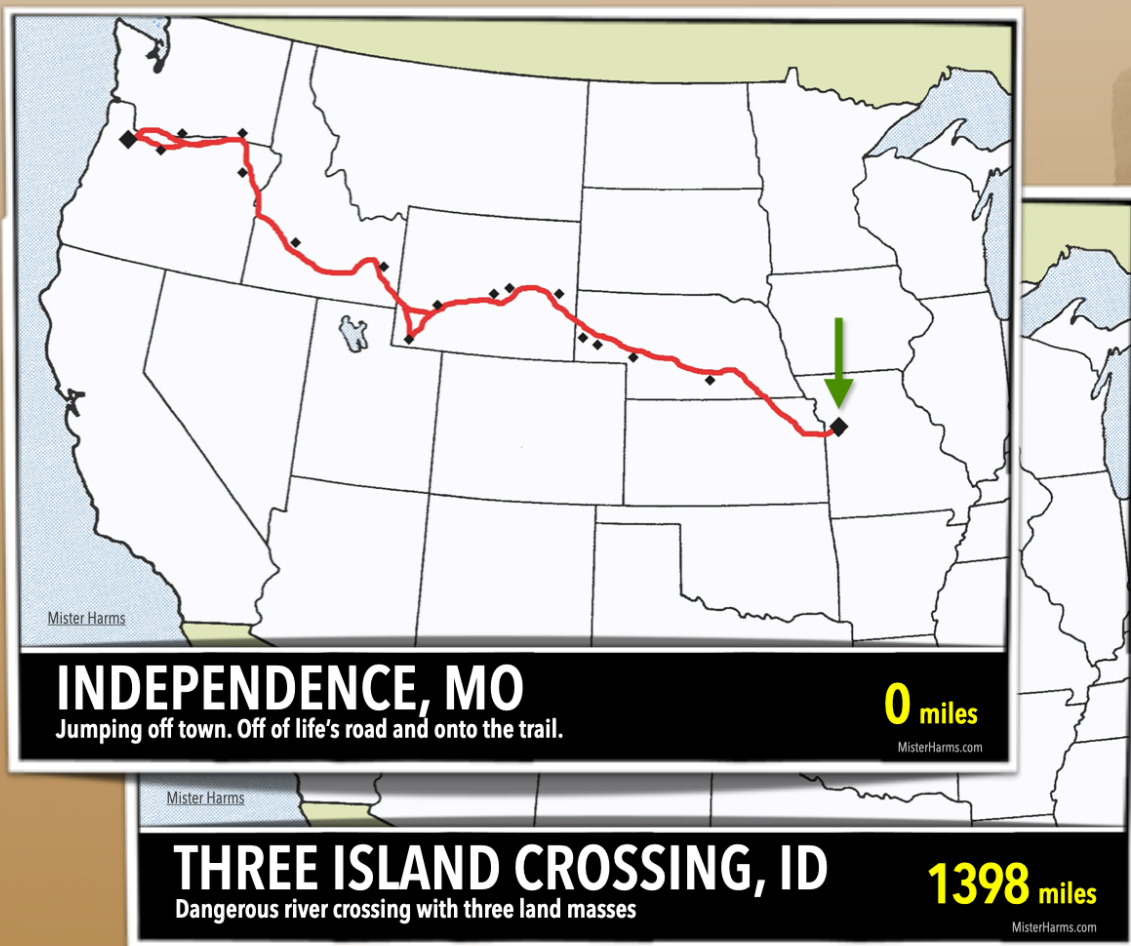
# OREGON TRAIL

ALSO INCLUDED!  
OVER 150 VISUALS  
TO GUIDE YOUR  
CLASS THROUGH  
THE TRAIL!

SIMULATION

# PRESENTATION

MORE INFORMATION ON FOLLOWING PAGES



- **OVER 150 SLIDES** •
- FOLLOW THE TRAIL THROUGH MAPS, IMAGES, EMIGRANT JOURNAL ENTRIES, & SO MUCH MORE!**

**AVAILABLE IN POWERPOINT OR GOOGLE SLIDES**

WONDERFULLY DONE! A MUST HAVE TO GO WITH THE SIMULATION AND JOURNALING ACTIVITY.

- BRIANA ★★★★★ -

THIS SLIDE SHOW IS A MUST IF YOU PLAN TO DO THE OREGON TRAIL SIMULATION. THE VISUALS, WRITTEN DESCRIPTIONS, AND FIRST PERSON QUOTES WERE ALL IN ONE PLACE! A GREAT SUPPLEMENT TO ANY STUDY OF THE OREGON TRAIL!

- MRS. M. ★★★★★ -

THIS IS A MUST HAVE IF YOU ARE DOING THE SIMULATION!!! THE KIDS LOVED SEEING PICTURES AS THEY MOVED THROUGH THE TRAIL AND HEARING FIRST HAND ACCOUNTS OF LIFE ON THE TRAIL. IT BROUGHT THE SIMULATION TO LIFE AND WAS EXTREMELY WORTH EVERY PENNY! WELL DONE!

- WILD ABOUT TEACHING MIDDLE SCHOOL ★★★★★ -

## SAMPLE: INTERACTIVE DIRECTIONS



Location and description of trail site. 17 different trail stops explained through text and photo!

Click the mileage on the bottom right to access the interactive dice: used for traveling, hunting, fishing, river crossings, etc.

Click to access original image source.

**SCOTTSBLUFF, NE**  
Emigrants successfully completed 1/3 of the trail

**596 miles**

Scotts Bluff National Monument

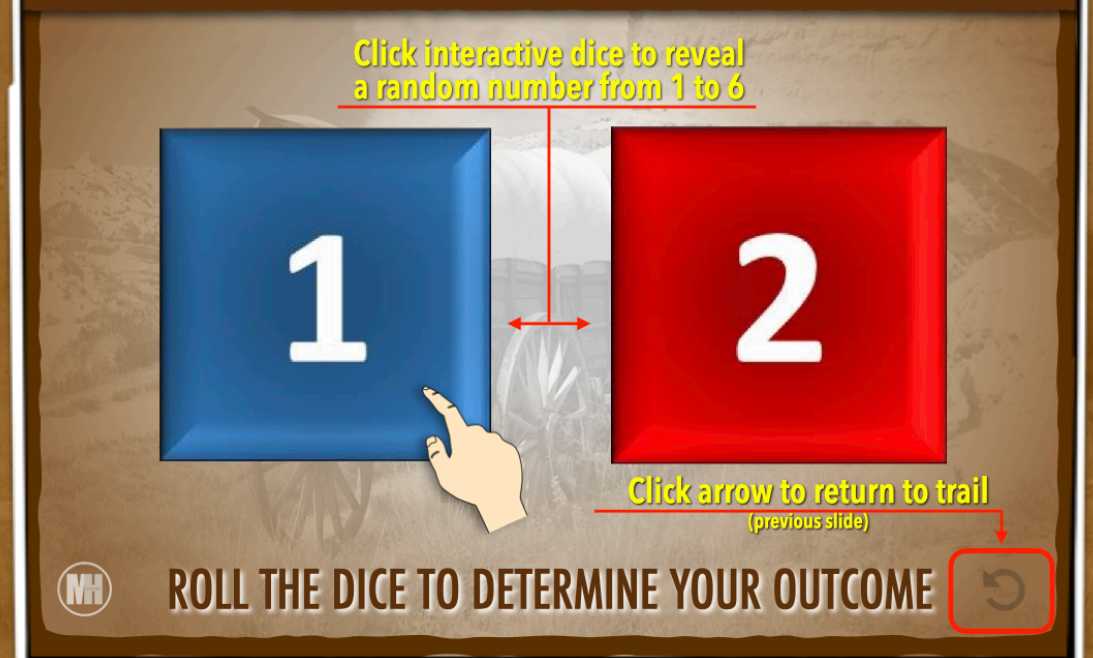
NH

This slide features a historical painting of a wagon train crossing a river. Red arrows point from text annotations to specific elements: the location description to the painting, the mileage to a red-bordered box containing '596 miles', and the image source to a small red-bordered box containing 'Scotts Bluff National Monument'. A small NH logo is in the top right corner.

• **TRAIL SITES** •  
EACH STOP ALONG THE TRAIL HAS LOCATIONS, MILEAGE, IMAGES, HISTORICAL TEXT, & ACCESS TO DICE.

• **INTERACTIVE DICE** •  
TOUCH DICE TO DETERMINE YOUR WAGON'S OUTCOME ON THE TRAIL! USE FOR HUNTING & FISHING!

## SAMPLE: INTERACTIVE DIRECTIONS



Click interactive dice to reveal a random number from 1 to 6

Click arrow to return to trail (previous slide)

ROLL THE DICE TO DETERMINE YOUR OUTCOME

NH

This slide shows two large dice, one blue with the number '1' and one red with the number '2'. A hand icon is shown touching the blue die. A red arrow points from the dice to a red-bordered box containing a circular arrow icon. Text annotations explain the dice's function and the return button. A small NH logo is in the bottom left corner.

... that 40,000 of the emigrants were children. Children were sad to leave home, and worried they would never see or hear from their friends again. Kids had regular chores while on the trail. Many helped with herding animals, cooking, washing dishes, fetching water, and gathering "buffalo chips" (dried buffalo manure used for campfires, but children often used them as frisbees). At night, children might sing and dance around the campfire. They played games such as ... button. Some wrote letters from the family Bible



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In the early years, the Trail veered south, to avoid the bluffs. But after 1850 a shorter route through the bluffs, at Mitchell Pass, gained favor. In some places, the ruts at Mitchell Pass cut eight feet deep into the soft stone. It was a treacherous and difficult cutoff and in the end it was about the same distance as the old route.

*"How can I describe the scene that now bursts upon us? Tower, bastion, dome and battlement vie in all their majesty before us. A dark cloud is rising in the northwest. A more beautiful and majestic scene cannot be seen. How sublime are Thy*

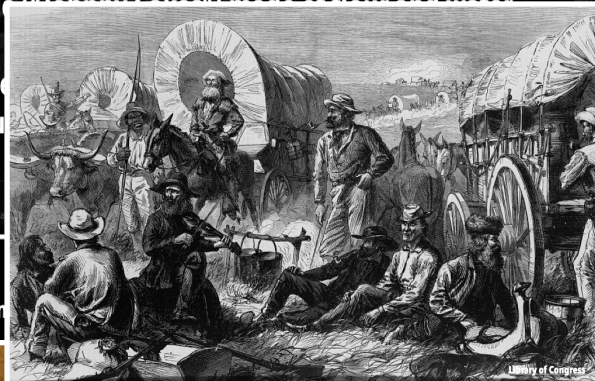


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596 miles

- 4:00 am:** A bugler blows a trumpet or a rifle is fired by the night guards to wake up the camp.
- 5:00 am:** Cattle are rounded up after being allowed to graze during the night (except when Indians threatened).
- 5:30 am:** Women and children are fixing breakfast of usually bacon, corn porridge, "Indian Corn" (corn of flint and dent)
- 6:30 am:** Women rinse the men haul



**CAMP LIFE**  
Emigrants singing and talking near the campfire

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