

OREGON TRAIL SIMULATION ACTIVITY

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TRAIL MAP: Included in this pdf is a map of the Oregon Trail. Feel free to use in your classroom as part of an individual mapping activity or as a class mapping project.

This map is also included in the full **Oregon Trail Simulation Activity** by Mister Harms. This full simulation activity is a comprehensive, historical overview of the entire trail. In addition to mapping out the familiar sites, students will be grouped into wagon teams and travel the entire journey as they learn about life on the Oregon Trail! See my **Oregon Trail Blog Post** for more detailed information.

Enjoy the trail, and westward ho!

- Mister Harms



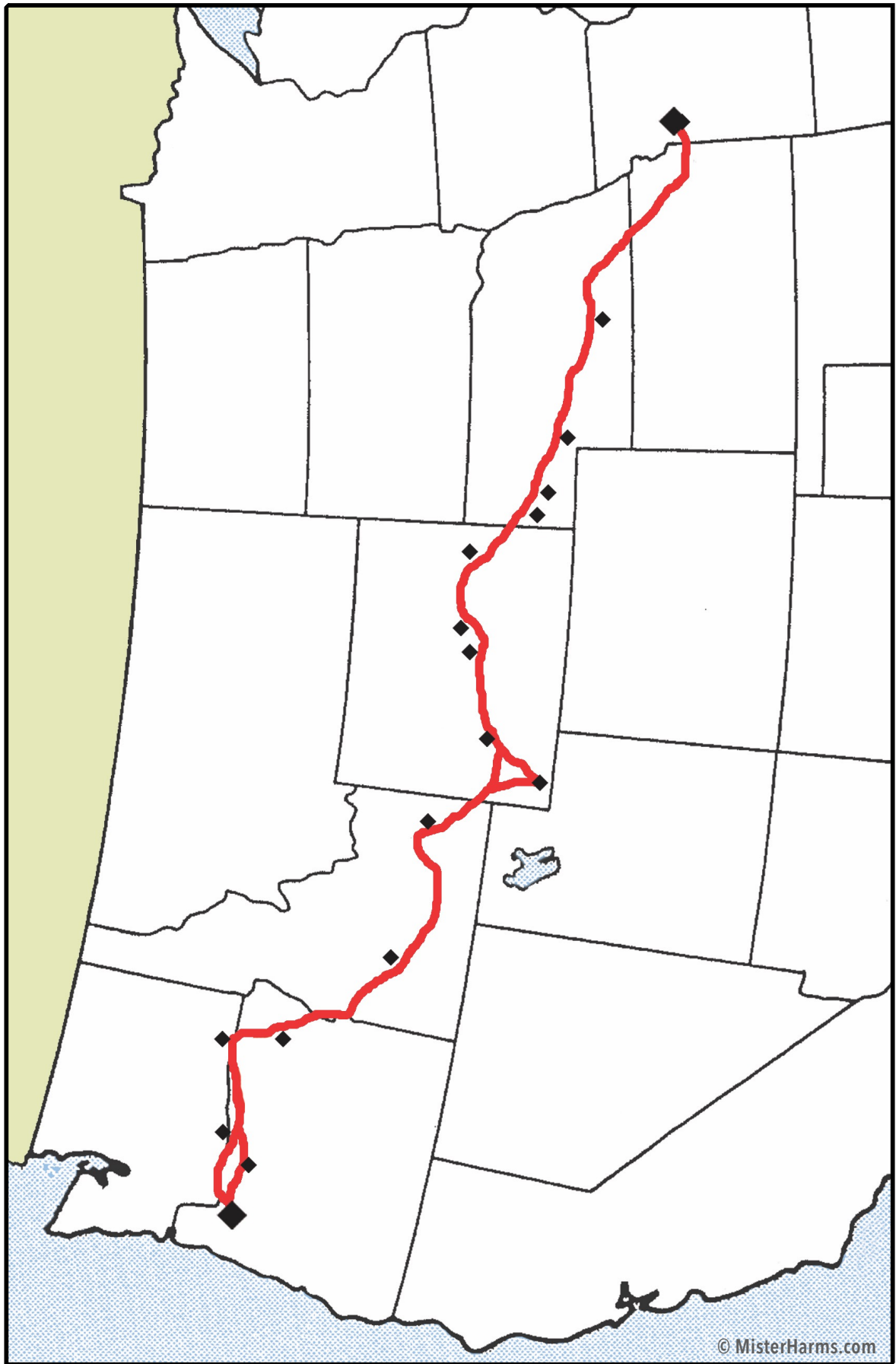
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TRAIL MAP

THE OREGON TRAIL



MONEY REGISTER

THE OREGON TRAIL

Emigrant's Name _____

Transaction Description	
Occupation	

GENERAL STORE

THE OREGON TRAIL

TRAIL SHOPPING LIST

at Store. Look around and shop, but each wagon must have the bolded items.

MISCELLANEOUS 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, Westward Expansion, or American West unit. All simulation rules and activities have worked well for my classroom, but feel free to adjust the simulation as you see fit.

FOOD REGISTER

THE OREGON TRAIL

Emigrant's Name _____ Wagon _____

Description	+/- lbs of Food	Grand Total lbs

INTRODUCTION

STUDENT GUIDE • THE OREGON TRAIL

OVERVIEW
The year is 1846 and you are about to embark upon a historical trip of a lifetime. Get ready for adventure, pain and suffering as you travel through the Oregon Territory to Oregon City. You will start at the "Jumping Off" point in Independence, MO and travel through the Oregon Territory to Oregon City. The average wagon could make the trip in 4-5 months. This averages out to about 15 miles per day (which is extremely slow).

MILEAGE CHART

THE OREGON TRAIL

Though the entire trail was about 2,170 miles, the trail from Independence, MO to Oregon City was 1,930 miles. The average wagon could make the trip in 4-5 months. This averages out to about 15 miles per day (which is extremely slow).

- ### 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**
- Wheat Break - Replace, or hire Indian \$50 to get to next stop.
 - Axle Break - Replace, trade with another wagon, fix if farmer or hire a farmer
 - Wagon Cover ripped - Replace, trade with another wagon, fix if farmer, or hire farmer
 - Oxen Yoke broke - Replace, trade with another wagon, fix if farmer, or hire farmer
 - Loose & Creaky Wagon - use grease, trade with another wagon or buy grease
 - Stuck in Mud - lose 1 day unless you have a shovel
- II. Weather Problems - Lose 1 day unless specified**
- Fog - lose 2 days if you don't have a compass.
 - Extreme cold weather - having blankets = safe, no blankets = youngest dies
 - Winds storm - Lose Cover - replace, trade with another wagon, buy from Indian (\$50)
 - Drought - lose 1 day and having water canteen = safe, no canteen = youngest dies
 - Grass fire - lose 1 day unless you have a shovel

SUPPLY REGISTER

THE OREGON TRAIL

Emigrant's Name _____ Wagon _____

Supply Item	Quantity	Additional Notes



CERTIFICATE of ACCOMPLISHMENT

Winner & Survivor of

THE OREGON TRAIL

You have successfully completed the trail and arrived in Oregon City before any other wagon train. For surviving trials and hardships, overcoming death and destruction, you are rewarded with this lovely certificate!

NAME _____ TEACHER _____

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