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Oregon Trail Story Planning Packet

Book Title \_\_\_\_\_

Written and Illustrated by \_\_\_\_\_

Publishing Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of the trip \_\_\_\_\_ miles      How many month the trip will take \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date (month & year) \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you leaving when you are? \_\_\_\_\_

How far you do you plan to travel each day \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan for your trip to end? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is your family originally from? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your family - jobs & ages \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Traveling to Oregon \_\_\_\_\_

How do you feel leaving? \_\_\_\_\_

Wagon description (large or small farm wagon, Conestoga, weight, materials etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

How many and what kind of animals will be pulling your wagon? \_\_\_\_\_

Wagon weight when loaded \_\_\_\_\_

Other animals your family is bringing \_\_\_\_\_



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Your guide – his name, description, age & why your family chose him \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of wagons in your wagon train \_\_\_\_\_

Food you are bringing


Supplies, Clothing, Furniture, Tools


Problems & accidents that could happen on the trail




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Weather that could cause problems for your wagon train


Illnesses you've heard of on the trail


What things did children do for chores along the trail


How did people relax and have fun on the trail?


Indian tribes along the trail


Typical Meals:

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner





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**Landmarks to Be Included:**

(mileages are from Independence – dates are approximate)

1. Independence, Missouri 0 miles April 22 \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Crossing the Big Blue River (first night on the trail) 9 miles April 23 \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Crossing the Kansas River \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Fort Kearney and first sight of the Platte River 319 miles May 21 \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Ash Hollow 504 miles \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Courthouse Rock 561 miles June 15 \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Chimney Rock 575 miles June 16 \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Fort Laramie 650 miles June 22 \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Independence Rock 814 miles July 4 \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Devil's Gate & Crossing the Sweetwater River 820 miles July 5 \_\_\_\_\_

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11. South Pass 914 miles July 12 \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Fort Bridger 1,026 miles July 25 \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Fort Hall 1,217 Miles August 16 \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Three Island Crossing 1,397 miles August 30 \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Fort Boise 1,510 miles September 10 \_\_\_\_\_

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16. Blue Mountains 1,600 miles September 18 \_\_\_\_\_

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17. The Dalles 1,819 miles October 10 \_\_\_\_\_

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18. Barlow Toll Road (to the toll gate) 1,889 miles October 19 \_\_\_\_\_

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19. Fort Vancouver 1,950 miles October 22 \_\_\_\_\_

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20. Oregon City & Willamette Valley 1,932 miles October 24 \_\_\_\_\_

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Building your new home & how you feel after the trip \_\_\_\_\_

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Check each item off as you have included it into your story. ✓ = included

### Required Information:

- Title page
- Dedication page
- Reason for going to Oregon
- Length of the trip
- How many months you will be on the trail
- Dates of travel for the trip (departure/arrival)
- Your family (where you were from, jobs, ages)
- Wagon (description, weight, how many wagons in your wagon train, what animals pull the wagon)
- Other animals you are bringing
- Wagon train guide – describe him & why your family chose him
- Food you are bringing
- Supplies, clothing, furniture, tools
- Problems on the trail - tell common problems
- Weather you might encounter
- Illnesses – list typical illnesses
- Meals – typical breakfast, lunch, dinner
- Jobs people had on the trail
- Recreation for kids & adults
- Indian tribes along the trail
- Building your new home & feelings
- "About the Author" page
- Trail map colored with trail highlighted a different color

### Landmarks to Be Included:

- Independence, Missouri
- Big Blue River
- Kansas River
- Fort Kearney
- Ash Hollow
- Courthouse Rock
- Chimney Rock
- Fort Laramie
- Independence Rock
- Devil's Gate & Crossing the Sweetwater River
- South Pass
- Fort Bridger
- Fort Hall
- Three Island Crossing
- Fort Boise
- Blue Mountains
- The Dalles
- Barlow Toll Road
- Fort Vancouver
- Oregon City & Willamette Valley

