



Name _____
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 _____

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 _____

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



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3. Crossing the Kansas River _____

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



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5. Ash Hollow 504 miles _____

6. Courthouse Rock 561 miles June 15 _____



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7. Chimney Rock 575 miles June 16 _____

8. Fort Laramie 650 miles June 22 _____



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9. Independence Rock 814 miles July 4 _____

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



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11. South Pass 914 miles July 12 _____

12. Fort Bridger 1,026 miles July 25 _____



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13. Fort Hall 1,217 Miles August 16 _____

14. Three Island Crossing 1,397 miles August 30 _____



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15. Fort Boise 1,510 miles September 10 _____

16. Blue Mountains 1,600 miles September 18 _____



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17. The Dalles 1,819 miles October 10 _____

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 _____

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
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