

Westward Movement Review

Week 28 • Friday • Show What You Know!

Reading Time

This week you traveled west with the pioneers! You learned why families packed covered wagons and headed toward new lands — for cheap farmland, gold, and fresh starts.

You rolled down the 2,000-mile Oregon Trail, where the trip took four to six months. You became a wagon boss and packed only what you truly needed.

You also compared pioneer journeys to your own family trips, and you remembered that Native Americans already lived in the West and that their lives were changed forever. Now it is time to show what you know!

Big Review Questions

1. Why did pioneers move west?

2. What was the Oregon Trail?

3. Why did pioneers have to pack carefully?

4. How did westward movement affect Native Americans?

True or False Quiz

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ Pioneers moved west to find cheap land.
- ☐ The Oregon Trail was about 2,000 miles long.
- ☐ The trip west took one weekend.
- ☐ Oxen pulled the covered wagons.
- ☐ Pioneers packed pianos because wagons had lots of room.
- ☐ Native Americans already lived on western lands.

Fill in the Blanks Quiz

pioneers Oregon wagons months oxen west

1. Families who moved _____ were called _____.
2. The famous trail led to _____.
3. They traveled in covered _____.
4. Strong _____ pulled the wagons.
5. The journey took four to six _____.

Pack It or Leave It?

Write PACK if a smart pioneer would bring it, or LEAVE if they would not.

Item	PACK or LEAVE
Flour and beans	
A grand piano	
A water barrel	
A fancy mirror	
A spare wagon wheel	
Medicine	

Think About It

1. What was the bravest thing about being a pioneer? Would you have gone west?

Week Summary

This week you learned: Pioneers moved west for land, gold, and new lives. The Oregon Trail was a hard 2,000-mile journey by covered wagon. Smart pioneers packed light. Native Americans' lives were changed forever as the nation grew.

Coming up next week: A sad and important chapter — the Civil War, when the North and South went to war with each other.

My Week in Review

I can...	Circle one
Explain why pioneers moved west	YES / NOT YET
Describe life on the Oregon Trail	YES / NOT YET
Tell how the journey affected Native Americans	YES / NOT YET
Compare pioneer trips to my family's trips	YES / NOT YET