

## Oregon Trail Assignment



After [playing Oregon Trail](#), reflect upon your experience and answer some of the following questions in a written response:

- To what extent did your experience on the "trail" reflect what you know to be the realities of the experience for colonizers moving west along the Oregon Trail (or any of the western trails for that matter)?
- What things were you perhaps expecting to see on the trail that weren't there? What things surprised you?
- What strategies did you use that helped you? OR what strategy did you choose that you think ultimately led to your untimely demise?
- If you survived, how long did it take you to make it?
- If you died, what ultimately killed you? Is that what you expected?
- What other thoughts or frustrations did you have while playing the game?

Feel free to use the following resources to help you:

- [Traveling on the Overland Trails, 1843-1860 - Library of Congress \(includes primary sources\)](#)
- [Ask a Mortician \(YouTube\) - The Donner Party: What REALLY Happened?](#)
- [Oregon Encyclopedia - the Oregon Trail](#)
- [The Real Oregon Trail – History Unplugged](#)