

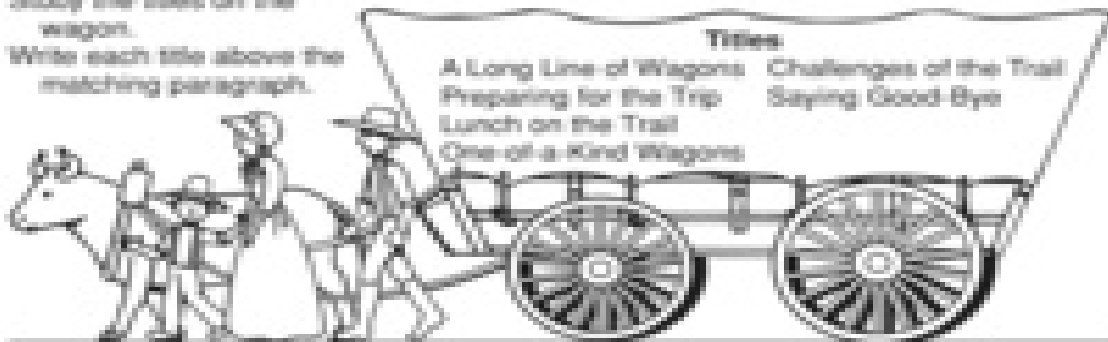
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The Pioneers  
Main Idea

## Pioneer Days

Read each paragraph.  
Study the titles on the wagon.

Write each title above the matching paragraph.



<p>1. _____ All pioneer wagons had covers, but the wagons came in different sizes and shapes. Some families painted pictures or slogans on their wagon covers so that friends could find them on the crowded trail.</p>	<p>4. _____ Families planning to travel west had yard sales to sell most of their belongings. The money a family earned was used to buy a covered wagon, a team of oxen, and supplies for the long trip ahead.</p>
<p>2. _____ Traveling on the trail could be tough. Sometimes it would rain and wagons would get stuck in the mud. If it was hot and dry, there would be lots of dust. Sickness was also a problem for people on the trip.</p>	<p>5. _____ Most pioneers traveled in groups called wagon trains. The wagons traveled in a line, like a slow-moving train. The members of each wagon train would choose a leader and follow his directions along the trip.</p>
<p>3. _____ After about five hours on the trail, most wagon trains stopped for lunch. Most families ate leftovers from breakfast, so no cooking was needed. The pioneers ate food such as cornmeal cakes and dried meat.</p>	<p>6. _____ Often a good-bye party was held before a family traveled west. Friends and relatives who were staying behind would plan the party. Sometimes a special quilt would be made for the family.</p>

**Bonus Box:** Would you have liked to have been a pioneer? Write to tell why or why not.

