



SURVIVING THE OREGON TRAIL

LESSON 1 | WORD LIST

The following word list is created for practicing penmanship, spelling and vocabulary purposes.

Parents:

For penmanship practice choose 10 words in which to practice handwriting and/or cursive. Have your child write each word 10 times each.

For spelling, quiz your child first to find out which words they need to work on. Consider stopping the quiz when they have reached 10 wrong and let those be the words to study for the following week. Going over 10 wrong might discourage the child and make both your workload and theirs grievous. Keep learning fun and interesting rather than discouraging and overwhelming.

For vocabulary choose 5 new words from below. Have your child find the definition in a dictionary and write the definitions down clearly. Younger children may need help finding the words in the dictionary. A short paragraph should be sufficient. The point is to learn what the word means so as to increase their comprehension and vocabulary.

History

1. War
2. History
3. Settler
4. Spring
5. Family
6. Religion
7. Journal
8. Slavery
9. Pioneer
10. Amistad

11. Timeline
12. Emigrant
13. Missionary
14. John Tyler
15. Locomotive
16. Chuck Wagon
17. Prairie Schooner
18. Postage Stamp
19. Western Expansion
20. Martin Van Buren

Geography

1. Map
2. Trail
3. Land
4. River
5. Route
6. West
7. Ozarks
8. Compass
9. Plateau
10. Gateway

11. Missouri
12. Geography
13. St. Louis
14. Fur trade
15. Territory
16. Missourian
17. River bluff
18. Kansas City
19. Jefferson City
20. Independence

Survival

1. Hope
2. Boots
3. Bible
4. Water
5. Food
6. Tools
7. Edible
8. Garden
9. Farmer
10. Prepare

11. Hunting
12. Fishing
13. Survival
14. Explore
15. Supplies
16. Accidents
17. Equipment
18. Pneumonia
19. Hypothermia
20. The Great Panic

