

NAME _____

LIFE IN COLONIAL AMERICA

DATE _____

LET US GO TO THE EARLY AMERICAN FRONTIER

Where the Wild Lands Were

Using the bulleted statements, complete the outline. Then use the outline to write a five-paragraph essay about the early frontier.

- The First Colonial Frontier
- Wagons could only be used where a trail had already been cleared.
- The soil was rich and the climate was good for farming.
- Some pioneers set off on foot with little more than axes and rifles.
- The first settlers were fur traders, missionaries, and European explorers.
- The land, much of it free, was covered in thick forests.
- Early pioneers included adventurers and families looking for a better life.
- Some moved west because the east's best land had already been settled.
- Cattle ranchers followed the settlement of traders, explorers, and military troops.
- Early pioneers came from the East Coast and from Europe.
- Families moving west took supplies with them on pack animals and carts.
- Some moved west because they were looking for adventure.
- The journey was hard, but the rich and free land offered a new beginning for early pioneers.
- Then settlers began clearing the woods for small farms.
- Clear lakes and streams supported fish and wildlife for food and fur trapping.



Title: _____

- I. Introduction: Around 1760, people began to leave the colonies and move west as far as the Mississippi Valley.
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
- II. The wild and unknown frontier drew brave and independent men and women.
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
- III. Early pioneers braved a grueling journey to the wilderness of the Eastern Woodlands.
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
- IV. Pioneering families and individuals settled in the Eastern Woodlands.
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
- V. Conclusion: The Eastern Woodlands were the early American frontier.
A. _____
B. _____