

The Oregon Trail Quiz

Part I: Multiple Choice

1. The Oregon Trail was a route used by settlers traveling from:
 - a) North to South
 - b) East to West
 - c) West to East
 - d) South to North
2. Where did most settlers begin their journey on the Oregon Trail?
 - a) New York
 - b) Boston
 - c) Missouri
 - d) Florida
3. What was the main reason settlers traveled the Oregon Trail?
 - a) To find gold
 - b) To reach fertile land in Oregon
 - c) To visit family
 - d) To escape war
4. What type of wagon was commonly used on the trail?
 - a) Tank
 - b) Prairie schooner
 - c) Boxcar
 - d) Stagecoach
5. Which of the following was a common danger on the Oregon Trail?
 - a) Traffic accidents
 - b) Disease
 - c) Air pollution
 - d) Skyscrapers
6. What river did settlers often follow along the trail?
 - a) Mississippi River
 - b) Columbia River
 - c) Platte River
 - d) Hudson River
7. About how long did the journey typically take?
 - a) 1 week
 - b) 1 month
 - c) 4-6 months
 - d) 1 year
8. What was one important supply settlers needed?
 - a) Television
 - b) Food
 - c) Computers
 - d) Cars

Part II: Matching

Match each term below with the correct description.

Pioneer

Wagon train

Fort

Trail guide

Cholera

Descriptions:

1. _____ - A disease that spread quickly among settlers
2. _____ - A group of wagons traveling together
3. _____ - A person who led travelers along the route
4. _____ - A person who moved to settle new land
5. _____ - A safe stopping place along the trail

Part III: Fill in the Blank

1. The Oregon Trail ended in the _____ Territory.
2. Settlers traveled in covered wagons often called “_____ schooners.”
3. One reason settlers moved west was for free or cheap _____.
4. Many travelers suffered from diseases such as _____.
5. The journey west required great _____ and hard work.