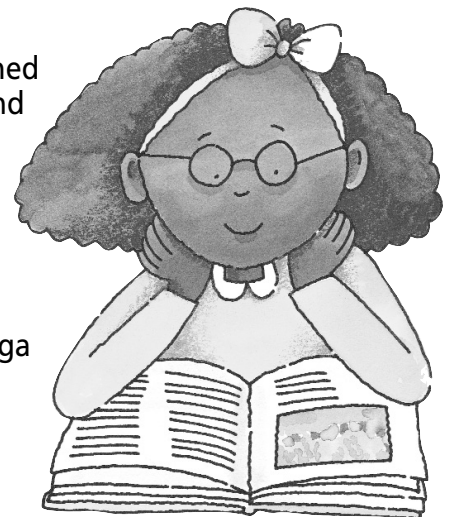


Online Information

Adventure to the Pioneer Prairie

Fascinating Facts

1. When a wagon needed to cross a river, the pioneers had two options. They could drive across the river or float across if the water was too deep.
2. Pioneers traveled across the frontier in wagon trains. They were like small communities moving across the plains with food, tools, and elected leaders.
3. When people in California found gold, pioneers from all over America traveled across the country to try to find gold themselves. This was known as the Gold Rush.
4. Kids on the prairie found many things to do for fun. For example, after a pig was slaughtered for food, kids would play catch with the pig's bladder! It's just like a balloon!
5. There wasn't much space to carry food on covered wagons, so the men had to hunt for food frequently.
6. Pioneers slept inside their wagons. There were small mattresses under the canvas where the whole family would huddle together.
7. Sometimes prairie farmhouses were built right into the hillsides! This saved wood and kept the families safe and cool. The roof was made of grass, too!
8. If a woman in a wagon train was going to have a baby, her family would ask people in the other wagons if a doctor was traveling in the group. A lot of babies were born in the wagon trains!
9. Everyone on the prairie had an important job. Kids even younger than you learned to build, sew, hunt, and cook.
10. During the long journey across the country, the pioneers entertained themselves by making things. Girls learned how to knit or sew, and made clothes and dolls. Boys learned how to build and whittle wood into toys and tools.
11. Going to school was impossible on the wagon train, so parents taught their children to read and write in the back of the wagon!
12. The wagons in the train were known as covered wagons, Conestoga wagons, or prairie schooners.



Online Quiz

Adventure to the Pioneer Prairie

Pop Quiz

1. What was the name of the town where the Living History Farm was located?
2. What year was the town supposed to represent?
3. What saved the Jolly Schooner from going over the waterfall?
4. What animal bit Harry on the chest?
5. How were schoolhouses of the 1800s different from your school?
6. Who was Buffalo Bill?
7. How did Willy help save Sally and Robert's wagon?
8. What was the name of the plow horse that dragged Willy through the grass while he was sodbusting?



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**Scavenger
Hunt**



Want to have some fun? Let's go on a scavenger hunt! See if you can find the items below related to the mystery. (Teachers: You have permission to reproduce this form for your students.)

1. ___ a checkerboard

2. ___ an apron

3. ___ a picture of Buffalo Bill

4. ___ a water balloon

5. ___ a journal

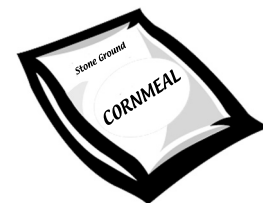
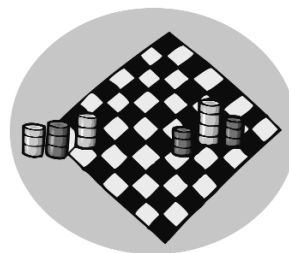
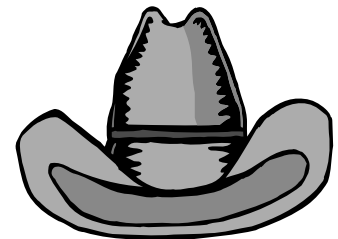
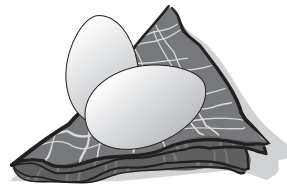
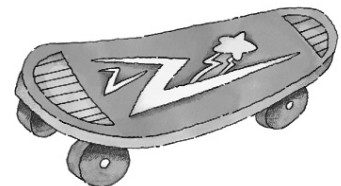
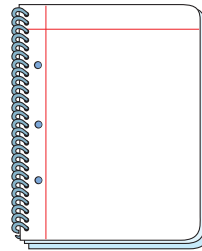
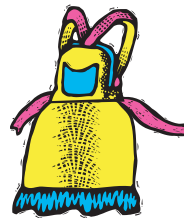
6. ___ a skateboard

7. ___ some cornmeal

8. ___ an egg

9. ___ a cowboy hat

10. ___ a pair of suspenders



Online Book Club

Adventure to the Pioneer Prairie

Talk About It!

1. Would you like to meet a grandparent when they were the same age as you are today? What do you think that would be like?
2. Why did it bother Sarah to eat rattlesnake stew? Would that bother you?
3. People who lived on the prairie had a lot of hard work to do. What's your least favorite chore? Why?
4. Mr. Williams was confused when Drew mentioned skateboarding. Which activities or inventions of today do you think would seem the most outrageous to someone on the prairie?
5. Rattlesnakes and robbers were two very big dangers to pioneers. What other things do you think were dangerous on a trip across the frontier?
6. Why do you think the opening up of the railroad was so exciting for the cowboys?
7. How do you think the Native Americans felt when all the pioneers came through on the wagon trains?
8. The students in Ms. Bogus' class felt silly in pioneer clothing. If you're a girl, how would you feel if you had to wear a long dress and a bonnet every day? If you're a boy, how would you feel about those suspenders?
9. What do you think would be the best thing about living on a prairie schooner? What would be the worst?
10. Willy's family traveled on the prairie. What do you know about the historic times your grandparents or great grandparents lived in? Would you want to travel back to their times?



Word Search

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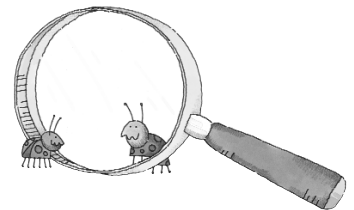
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Bring It To Life!

1. Can you imagine life on a wagon train? There would be hard work, but there must have been some fun, too! Write a journal entry about a day on a wagon train.
2. The students were frightened when the flaming arrow came flying past them during the Indian attack. Make your own flaming arrows with red, yellow, and orange construction paper and pipe cleaners!
3. Pretend you've been on the prairie for weeks and weeks. Write a poem about how you think you would be feeling.
4. Imagine you're an animal living on the prairie. What do you think it would be like to see all those people traveling across the land where you live? Gather in groups of three or four and write a short skit pretending to be prairie animals. Perform these skits for your classmates!

