

## PART 2 – PICK A TRAIL

You will be going on a journey to the American West. What trail will you take? Pick ONE trail from the Six Trails West and write down information about the trail in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

Trail name:

Reason why people traveled the trail:

What transportation people used to travel the trail:

*Geographical features* of the trail:

What people experienced along the way:

**Geographical features:** features on the earth's surface like rivers, mountains, deserts, or plains

## PART 3 – PACKING LIST

Prepare for your journey to the American West! Imagine you are traveling during the mid-19th century. On a piece of paper or in the space below, make a packing list (words or pictures) of the items that you will bring with you. Only include the items that you will need to survive.

**Food and Drink:** (Think about food and drink that can stay for a long period of time or can be made easily while traveling.)

**Clothing:** (Think about clothing for different types of weather—cold, dusty, hot sun.)

**Nighttime Items:** (Think about lamp, blanket, pillow, tent, and more.)

**Tools:** (Think about tools for cooking, eating, drinking; tools for fixing things; medicine.)

**One extra item of your choice:**

## PART 4 – JOURNAL ENTRY

Read the journal entry sample before creating your own journal entry.

### Journal Entry Sample

*August 10, 1850*

*We was on the trail, sun 1 hour high. Traveled 25 miles. The road has been very crooked, stony and mountainous. Tired. Nearly all of us have to walk and we all feel very tired. We have come all day without any grass and 12 miles. We found no water. Our horses is about beat out, and tonight nothing but browse for them to eat. We got a few lbs. flour at 62-1/2 cents today and enough pork for our dinner tonight. We ate all our flour up. I believe we are about 25 miles from the diggings.*

*-George Bonniwell*

### Write a Journal Entry

Share what you've learned about the trail by writing a journal entry about your experience along that trail. Use a separate piece of paper or write in the space below. Use complete sentences and include the following information:

- Reason you are traveling
- Who is traveling with you
- What transportation you use
- What you brought with you
- Geographical features you travel across
- What you experience along the way
- Did your packing list help?
- How was your transportation?
- How you feel during your journey

We are traveling on the \_\_\_\_\_ Trail because \_\_\_\_\_

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