

Trails West Map Analysis

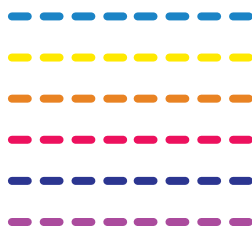
INTRODUCTION – During the mid-1800s, thousands of people living in the United States migrated, or moved, across the country to the western regions of the United States. These migrations of people were part of the growth and expansion of the United States from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. Many of these travelers journeyed to the American West by sea and along overland trails. Find these trails by looking at the colorful dashed lines on the map below.



PART 1 – Look at the Western Trails & Geographical Features key in the bottom right corner of the map. This key includes additional information about the colorful dashed trails on the map. The colors, names, and symbols (e.g. lines) of each of the trails are on the left-hand side of the key. Learn more about the trail names of the colorful dashed lines on the map by using the key in the following activity.

Directions: In the space below, match the colorful dashed lines on the left-hand side to the correct trail names on the right-hand side. Use the Western Trails & Geographical Features key to help you.

Colorful Dashed Lines on the Map



Trail Names in the Key

- California Trail
- Gila Trail
- Mormon Trail
- Old Spanish Trail
- Oregon Trail
- Santa Fe Trail

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PART 2 – Look at the Western Trails & Geographical Features key in the bottom right corner of the map again. This key also includes additional information about the different geographical features that the trails cross on the map. Geographical features are features on the surface of the earth. The colors, names, and symbols (e.g. dashes, lines, triangles, etc.) of each of the geographical features are on the right-hand side of the key. Learn more about the names of the geographical features on the map by using the key in the following activity.

Directions: Figure out the names of the different geographical features that the trails cross on the map by answering the questions below. Write your answers in the space provided or on a separate piece of paper. Use the Western Trails & Geographical Features key to help you.

What is the name of a geographical feature that is a white line on the map?

The name of a geographical feature that is a white line is _____

What is the name of a geographical feature that is a pink area on the map?

The name of a geographical feature that is a pink area is _____

What is the name of a geographical feature that is a green area with green dashes on the map?

The name of a geographical feature that is a green area with green dashes is _____

What is the name of a geographical feature that is a grey triangle on the map?

The name of a geographical feature that is a grey triangle is _____

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PART 3 – You will be creating a map of your favorite place (e.g. bedroom, home, neighborhood, school, town, city, state, country, etc.). Write what you plan on making a map of in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

My plan is to make a map of _____

Think of at least three of your favorite things (e.g. buildings, furniture, geographical features, rooms, other living and non-living things, etc.) that are located in your favorite place. You will include the locations of your favorite things on your map. You will also create a key with the names of your favorite things and the colors and symbols that **represent** your favorite things.

Directions: Plan your map and key before making them by answering the questions in the chart below. Write your answers in the space provided or on a separate piece of paper.

| MY MAP PLAN | | |
|--|---|--|
| MY FAVORITE THINGS - NAMES | MY FAVORITE THINGS - COLORS | MY FAVORITE THINGS - SYMBOLS |
| <p>The name of the first favorite thing that I will include in my key is</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>What color will represent your first favorite thing on your map and in your key? (Circle one.)</p> <p>Black Pink Blue Purple Green Red Grey White Orange Yellow</p> <p>Other Color</p> | <p>What symbol will represent your first favorite thing on your map and in your key? (Circle one.)</p> <p>Circle Rectangle Dot Square Heart Star Line Triangle</p> <p>Other Symbol</p> |
| <p>The name of the second favorite thing that I will include in my key is</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>What color will represent your second favorite thing on your map and in your key? (Circle one.)</p> <p>Black Pink Blue Purple Green Red Grey White Orange Yellow</p> <p>Other Color</p> | <p>What symbol will represent your second favorite thing on your map and in your key? (Circle one.)</p> <p>Circle Rectangle Dot Square Heart Star Line Triangle</p> <p>Other Symbol</p> |
| <p>The name of the third favorite thing that I will include in my key is</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>What color will represent your third favorite thing on your map and in your key? (Circle one.)</p> <p>Black Pink Blue Purple Green Red Grey White Orange Yellow</p> <p>Other Color</p> | <p>What symbol will represent your third favorite thing on your map and in your key? (Circle one.)</p> <p>Circle Rectangle Dot Square Heart Star Line Triangle</p> <p>Other Symbol</p> |

Glossary

Represent: Serve as a sign or symbol

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PART 4 – Make a map of your favorite place. Show the locations of your favorite things on your map using the information from My Map Plan in PART 3. Please include the colors and symbols that represent your favorite things on your map. Then show the colors, names, and symbols of your favorite things in your key.

Directions: Create your map and key in the space below or on a separate piece of paper. Include a title for your map.

Map Title _____

PART 5 – After creating your map and key, describe what they show in the space below or on a separate piece of paper.

My map shows _____

Resources

“Represent.” *Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary*, Merriam-Webster, <https://www.merriamwebster.com/dictionary/represent>. Accessed 5 Nov. 2020.

Western Trails & Geographical Features Map Illustration by Jessica Reynolds

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Ask an adult to send a photograph of the map and key you created along with your name, your age, and the title of the map and key to outreach@TheAutry.org for a chance to be featured on our social media! Accepting work from artists of all ages. Must be 18-years or older to submit.