

## Transportation Webinar Pre- Lesson

The American West has been, is, and will continue to be a place of travel and movement. Today we may take the bus, car, bike, and many other forms of transportation to get where we need to go. In this worksheet, we will explore different ways people moved around the American West. We will look at different photos and paintings and answer questions about them. Let's get started with our first photograph!

### Transportation Across the West ...Today



This is a photograph of the **Pasadena Freeway** in 1955.  
Answer the questions about this photograph in the space below.

Questions	My Answer
What do you see in the photo? Describe the landscape. What would the weather be like?	
What could you use to travel across this?	
What do you think you will see on this journey?	
Do you think this journey would be difficult or easy? Why?	

## Transportation Across the West in the 1800's

As people set out to travel across the American West during the 19th century, people used different forms of transportation on their journey. Not only did people have to select a type of transportation like wagons, boats, or trains, they also had to decide if they were going to make their journey on land, water, or by rail. How would you have traveled back then?

### ... By Water



This object shows **a man standing on rocks among ocean waves**, and it was made in the late 1800s.

Imagine you are in the image and traveling across the ocean in the late 1800s. Answer the questions about traveling by water in the space below.

Questions	My Answer
What do you see in the lantern slide? Describe the landscape. What would the weather be like?	
What could you use to travel across water?	
What do you think you will see on this journey? Think about animals that live in the ocean and people you might encounter.	
Do you think this journey would be difficult or easy? Why?	

## ... By Land



This is a painting of *Overland Route to Rocky Mountains* in 1880 by John Williamson.

Imagine you are in the painting and traveling across the overland route to the Rocky Mountains in the 1880s. Answer the question about traveling by land in the space below.

Question	My Answer
What do you see in the painting? Describe the landscape. What would the weather be like?	
What are some ways you could travel across land?	
What do you think you will see on this journey? Think about animals that live in the mountains and people you might encounter.	
Do you think this journey would be difficult or easy? Why?	

## ... By Rail



This is a painting of a **Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company locomotive** in 1973 by Harlan Hiney.

Imagine you are in this painting and traveling by railroad in 1973. Answer the questions about traveling by rail in the space below.

Question	My Answer
What do you see in the painting? Describe the landscape. What would the weather be like?	
What do you think the train was transporting? Who or what was the train carrying?	
What do you think you will see on this journey?	
Do you think this journey will be difficult or easy? Why?	

## Conclusion

People in the 1880s had to travel by land, water, and rail.

If you had to travel in the 1880s how would you have traveled and why? Please write your answer in the space below.