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Wagon Trains in the Am

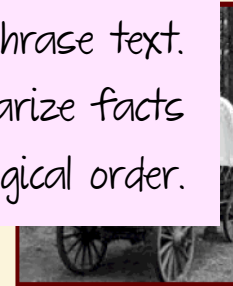
What is a wagon train?

During the late 18th and most of the 19th centuries pioneers drove across the American West in wagon trains. A wagon train is a group of wagons pulled by oxen or horses. The train could have up to 100 wagons. Famous wagon trails followed were the Santa Fe Trail and the Oregon Trail.

Paraphrase text. Summarize facts in a logical order.

Who rode in a wagon train?

Traders, explorers, miners, hunters, missionaries, and farmers drove in wagon trains. The wagons were pulled by oxen or horses. A few men on horseback with guns.

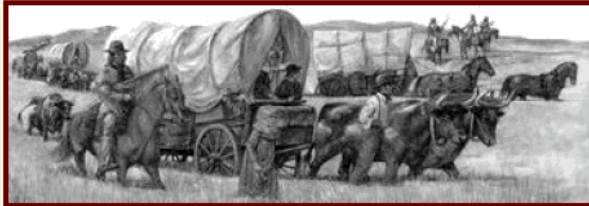


Where were the wagon trains going?

The wagon trains were going West towards California because the lands were ideal for farming, mining, and settlement.

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Mississippi River. They were going there



Why ride in a wagon train?

Pioneers were going West because land was inexpensive and there were business opportunities. The people were in groups because it was safer. Crossing rivers and mountains was dangerous. Also there was the risk of attacks. Pioneers were stronger together, than alone.

How were the wagon trains made?

Groups of people would start to gather in early Spring in a town. They would form companies and buy supplies. In May they would start to travel down the trail as a group. The wagons would be pulled by oxen or horses. They would make dinner and let the animals graze.

Define terminology using the Define Tool or online dictionaries.

Glossary

- ❖ Pioneer: A person who is among the first to explore or settle a new country or area.
- ❖ Wagon Train: A convoy or train of covered horse-drawn wagons, as used by pioneers or settlers in North America.

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