

Extension

2. The term *pioneer* does not refer just to those who settle in a new place. A pioneer is anyone who develops or is the first to use or apply something. Give an example of a modern-day pioneer in technology, science, business, education, or politics. How have their efforts led to major achievements in our world today? In what ways can today's pioneers prepare for their journeys?



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Westward Expansion

Enrichment

Living off the Land Pamphlet

Pioneers who traveled on the Oregon Trail supplemented their diet with plants found along the way both for themselves and their livestock. Learning to identify plants was an important part of surviving on the trail.

Investigate which plants found along the trail were used for cooking or eating. Which ones were used for medicinal purposes? Which plants did one need to stay away from? Then, create an informational guide or pamphlet that could have been used to help pioneers as they traveled west. Be sure to tell where the plant is located on the trail, a description of what it looks like, if it's edible or poisonous, what it can be used for, and an image.