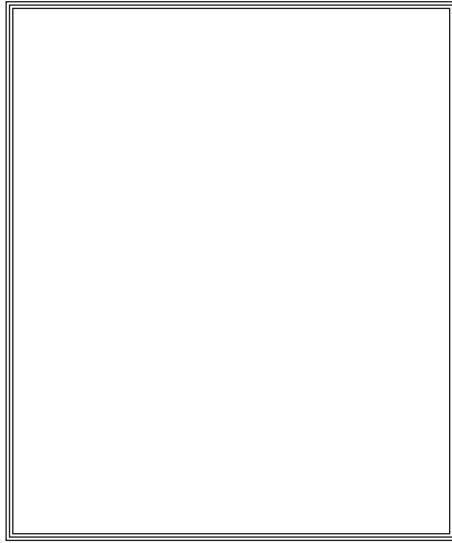


Eye of an Artist

Choose one of the paintings in the brochure. What does the artwork tell you about the Mormon Pioneer Trail?

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Create your own version here!



## True or False?

Circle the statements that are true.

Mormons are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mormons moved west in several phases.

Only one type of transportation was used on the trail through time.

## Ready for Your Badge?

1. Fill out your contact information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2. Photograph your completed booklet and email it to:

**ntir\_junior\_ranger@nps.gov**

Learn more about the trail at: [nps.gov/mopi](https://nps.gov/mopi)

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## Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trail Junior Ranger Program



## Explore the Mormon Pioneer Trail!

The Mormons are a gathering of religious believers who wanted to establish their own communities separate from others, be governed by their church leaders, and live under their own religious law. Their church was founded in 1830.

They formed separate towns, brought thousands of converts from overseas to join them, and developed their own distinct culture and ways of doing things. Their neighbors, feeling threatened by the newcomers and their ways, used violence to drive them out multiple times. More than 70,000 Mormons traveled west to the Great Basin (today's Utah) in several movements between 1846-1869.

Can you name another religion?

What is a culture?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



*The trail from Illinois to Utah stretches 1,300 miles and crosses five states. After being forced out of New York, Ohio, and Missouri, this final move carried them to Utah.*

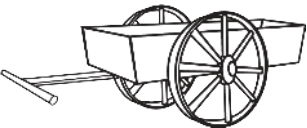
1. Label all five states on the map.
2. The first group traveled in two phases over \_\_\_\_\_ years. They built a rest camp called Winter Quarters to survive the cold winter months.
3. How long would it take to drive across all five states today? \_\_\_\_\_

**Where Does the Time Go?** Use the timeline on the brochure to identify the month and year these events happened.



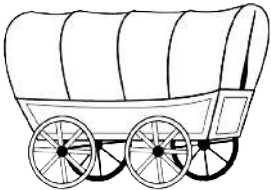
**Traveling Light**

The first Mormon Pioneers that trekked west to Utah in the 1840s used wagons. Some later groups pulled and pushed handcarts. Compare using a wagon and a cart on the trail. Describe one benefit and one challenge of each.



**Benefit** \_\_\_\_\_

**Challenge** \_\_\_\_\_



**Benefit** \_\_\_\_\_

**Challenge** \_\_\_\_\_

**They Found Their Way**

Unlike other wagon trains on other trails, the Mormons did not hire professional guides, choosing instead to follow existing trails, use maps and accounts of early explorers, and gather information from travelers and frontiersmen they met along the way.

These existing routes carried tens of thousands of Mormon \_\_\_\_\_ to a new home in the Great Salt Lake Basin. (See “An Exodus.”)

Who do you think already lived in the Great Salt Lake Basin? \_\_\_\_\_

When too many people live in one place, is there always enough food and water to share? \_\_\_\_\_

**Two Perspectives**

Both American Indians and Mormon pioneers felt they had a right to live in the Great Basin and use the natural resources to support their people. Identify one reason why each may have felt that way.

| American Indian |
|-----------------|
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| Mormon Pioneer |
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