

Heading West: The Wilson Family

Vocabulary:

heading west

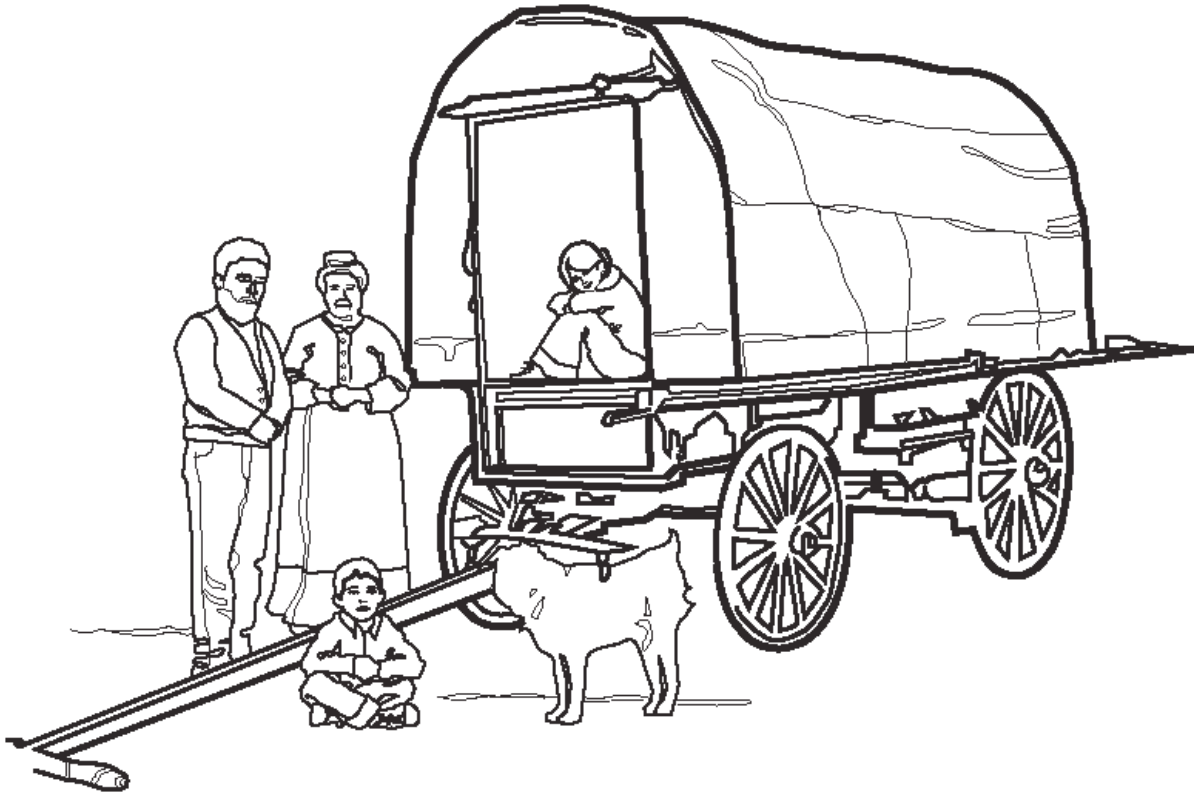
Oregon Trail

covered wagon

duty/duties

excited about

worried about



The Wilson family is heading west. They are traveling along the Oregon Trail to make a new life for themselves.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think the Wilson family is heading west?
2. What do you think is in the covered wagon?
3. What problems might they face?
4. Name one duty each family member might have.

Heading West: The Father



Instructions: Work together! Make sure everyone shares ideas. Some phrases to use:

I think that ...

I think we should ...

Could you please repeat that?

Could you say that again?

Part A: Decide on a name for the father:

_____ Wilson

Part B: Talk about these questions in your group.

1. What do fathers worry about today?
2. What makes fathers happy?
3. What are some duties of fathers?

Part C: Decide how the father feels about heading west. Then write sentences. Look at the father in the picture. With your classmates, discuss the following questions. Then complete the sentences below.

The father's story:

I am most excited about _____

I am most worried about _____

On the Oregon Trail, I have three main duties:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

For example: I have to clean the wagon. Everyday, I start the fire for dinner.

Heading West: The Mother



Instructions: Work together! Make sure everyone shares ideas. Some phrases to use:

I think that ...

I think we should ...

Could you please repeat that?

Could you say that again?

Part A: Decide on a name for the mother:

_____ Wilson

Part B: Talk about these questions in your group.

1. What do mothers worry about today?
2. What makes mothers happy?
3. What are some duties of mothers?

Part C: Decide how the mother feels about heading west. Then write sentences. Look at the mother in the picture. With your classmates, discuss the following questions. Then complete the sentences below.

The mother's story:

I am most excited about _____

I am most worried about _____

On the Oregon Trail, I have three main duties:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

For example: I have to clean the wagon. Everyday, I start the fire for dinner.

Heading West: The Sister



Instructions: Work together! Make sure everyone shares ideas. Some phrases to use:

I think that ...

I think we should ...

Could you please repeat that?

Could you say that again?

Part A: Decide on a name for the sister:

_____ Wilson

Part B: Talk about these questions in your group

1. What do children worry about today?
2. What makes children happy?
3. What are some duties of children?

Part C: Decide how the sister feels about heading west. Then write sentences. Look at the sister in the picture. With your classmates, discuss the following questions. Then complete the sentences below.

The sister's story:

I am most excited about _____

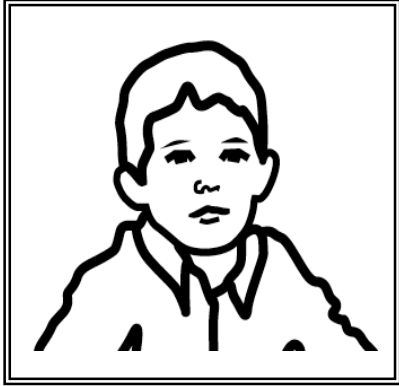
I am most worried about _____

On the Oregon Trail, I have three main duties:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

For example: I have to clean the wagon. Everyday, I start the fire for dinner.

Heading West: The Brother



Instructions: Work together! Make sure everyone shares ideas. Some phrases to use:

I think that ...

I think we should ...

Could you please repeat that?

Could you say that again?

Part A: Decide on a name for the brother:

_____ Wilson

Part B: Talk about these questions in your group

1. What do children worry about today?
2. What makes children happy?
3. What are some duties of children?

Part C: Decide how the brother feels about heading west. Then write sentences. Look at the brother in the picture. With your classmates, discuss the following questions. Then complete the sentences below.

The brother's story:

I am most excited about _____

I am most worried about _____

On the Oregon trail, I have three main duties:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

For example: I have to clean the wagon. Everyday, I start the fire for dinner.