

### **Mormon Trail Fill in the Blank Activity:**

\_\_\_\_\_, the founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints was killed in 1844 by a mob. Members of the church, Mormons, knew they needed to leave Nauvoo and find a safe place to live. They also wanted a place where they were free to practice their religion.

Another leader of the Mormons came forward to lead the group west. His name was \_\_\_\_\_. A year later, he promised that the Mormons would leave Nauvoo by spring. The first group left in \_\_\_\_\_.

The first group found traveling in the winter very \_\_\_\_\_. Some days they barely made any advancement at all. Snow, mud and wind made traveling hard.

Along the way, the Mormons made more permanent camps. These camps built cabins, dug wells, put up fences and gardens, and built \_\_\_\_\_ for river crossings.

In October of 1846, the first group had only traveled about 265 miles into the area near Omaha, Nebraska. They established a new camp called \_\_\_\_\_, where they waited out the winter months. In the spring Brigham took a small well-equipped group and traveled on to the area of the Great Salt Lake. It was here that he proclaimed the new Zion, or Promised Land for the Mormons.

During the next twenty years approximately \_\_\_\_\_ Mormons followed Brigham's trail to the Great Salt Lake area, thus creating the \_\_\_\_\_ Trail. Most followers traveled by wagon, but some new converts were unable to afford the supplies. These late converts pushed their belongings on \_\_\_\_\_ provided by the church.

Almost all travelers walked the nearly 1,300 miles to the Salt Lake Valley.