

## The Spread of Cholera Activity Cards

<p>Card 1</p> <p><b>Joshua B.</b> Age 6</p> <p>It is day one after leaving the Platte. You have muscle cramps and your head is burning up. You vomited up your breakfast this morning.</p>	<p>Card 2</p> <p><b>Margaret B.</b> Age 25</p> <p>Your son, Joshua, has a fever and has been vomiting all day. He is whiny and is constantly messing his pants. You are worried that the salt pork he ate was bad and have prepared a special tea to treat the diarrhea and fever.</p> <p>After cleaning Joshua you prepare dinner for the rest of the family.</p>
<p>Card 3</p> <p><b>Paul B.</b> Age 27</p> <p>At dinner your wife Margaret tells you that Joshua, your son is sick and laying in the back of the wagon. You go to check on him and notice that he is very still. As you get closer, you cry out because your son has died.</p>	<p>Card 4</p> <p><b>Willie S.</b> Age 5</p> <p>It is day two after leaving the Platte. Your friend Joshua died yesterday, and you are not feeling well. Your body aches and the diarrhea has come so often that you can't run to a private spot anymore.</p>
<p>Card 5</p> <p><b>Sallie S.</b> Age 10</p> <p>Your brother Willie has been very sick all day. Your mother treated him with the last of the laudanum in the medical kit. Now you are not feeling well either. You head to the sagebrush hoping you don't have diarrhea.</p>	<p>Card 6</p> <p><b>Catherine P.</b> Age 12</p> <p>Your friend Sallie died late last evening. Her brother Willie is also sick. Their grandfather is sick as well as several others in the train. The others helped bury young Joshua B. just the other day.</p>

<p>Card 7      <b>Jacob P.</b> Age 15</p> <p>You return from several days away hunting to find sickness on the wagon train. Five have been buried, including your sister Catherine. Your father and nine others are too sick to travel.</p>	<p>Card 8      <b>Wagon Boss Guss</b> Age 42</p> <p>You are three days out from the Platte and many members of your wagon train have fallen sick. You call a halt to the travel to allow the families to care for the sick and dig graves for the dead. You have seen this sickness before and avoid contact with the sick families.</p>
<p>Card 9      <b>Charlotte Guss</b> Age 29</p> <p>It is day four from the Platte and the wagon train is moving on. You encouraged your husband to continue traveling to run away from the sickness. Stopping where the air was bad would not help the rest of the train.</p>	<p>Card 10      <b>Reverend Michaels</b> Age 27</p> <p>In the past four days you have spoken at six burials. You reflect on the loss of the young and old. Today was a difficult day to travel because all the sick needed long periods of rest. You notice Willie is feeling better and you offer him encouragement.</p>
<p>Card 11      <b>Margaret Michaels</b> Age 19</p> <p>You are scared because your husband is surrounded by the sick every day. You are pregnant and want to protect your baby so you wash your hands and are very clean in preparing food for your family as your father told you to do. Everyone says your father is strange, but no one in your family is sick.</p>	<p>Card 12      <b>Mathew G.</b> Age 7</p> <p>It is five days from the Platte and you worry because your friend Joshua has died and Willie is still sick. Joshua's mother gives you Joshua's clothing to wear.</p>

<p>Card 13      <b>Granny G.</b> Age 52</p> <p>You have counted fifteen dead and twenty sick since the first signs of illness in the group.</p>	<p>Card 14      <b>Anna G.</b> Age 25</p> <p>It is day six from the Platte and your son Mathew has dysentery. You are unable to keep him clean and are constantly trying to slip him tea to drink. You will go ask Margaret Michaels for some laudanum for Mathew. Her father was a doctor so maybe she will have some.</p>
<p>Card 15      <b>Henry G.</b> Age 29</p> <p>Your wife Anna has been trying to get laudanum for your son Mathew and now Anna is showing signs of being sick. You ride to the wagon train a half a day ahead to find the medication. Many on that train are sick as well. You trade an extra horse for the bottle.</p>	<p>Card 16      <b>Meg G.</b> Age 9</p> <p>Your mother and brother have both taken laudanum. You care for them throughout the day and help your father with the oxen.</p>
<p>Card 17      <b>Rachel F.</b> Age 19</p> <p>It is day seven after crossing the Platte and the train comes upon a small watering hole. You and the other women gather around to wash clothing, including the clothes of those who are sick.</p>	<p>Card 18      <b>James E.</b> Age 21</p> <p>Your fiancée Rachel F. fell sick today. Ten others who had helped wash clothing died during the night.</p>