

## Trail BINGO Pre/post Activity:

**Overland Trails Bingo Teacher Review:** Activity questions utilize NHTIC exhibits to find answers to the BINGO questions. Teachers may use the activity to determine level of knowledge before a visit and to assess knowledge gained after a visit.

Questions were written for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade classes, but may be used for older children.

Standards Addressed: LA3.2B4, SS4.4.1, SS4.4.3, SS4.5.3, SS4.4.5

### T (People)

- Name the first documented child to die on the Oregon Trail. **Joel Hembree**
- Which wagon train had the first white women travelers? **Whitman-Spaulding Party**
- Who discovered South Pass and then advertised it to others? **Jedediah Smith**
- What is another name for the travelers on the trails? **Emigrant**
- Who led the wagon trains? **Captains**

### R (Places)

- Which famous rock formation in Wyoming is made of granite and shaped like half of an onion? **Independence Rock**
- Name the famous place in Nebraska that looked like the chimney on a house. **Chimney Rock**
- What river did the travelers follow through Nebraska and into Wyoming? **Platte River**
- Name one of the jumping off places for the Oregon Trail. **Independence, St. Joseph**
- Which city now lies at the end of the Mormon Trail? **Salt Lake City**

### A (Rational)

- What was available in the Oregon territory that motivated people to move there? **Free land**
- What was discovered at Sutter's Mill, causing a stampede of young men to California? **Gold**
- Why did the Mormon's wish to move to a new territory? **Religious freedom**
- How many acres of land did a family receive in the Oregon territory with the 1950 Donation Land Law? **640 acres**
- What motivated Russell, Majors, and Waddle to create the Pony Express? (What were they hoping to win?) **Government mail contract**

### I (Supplies)

- For how many months did the emigrants need to pack? **six**
- Which beasts were used to pull wagons because they were less likely to be stolen and more delicious to eat? **oxen**
- Name 3 supplies needed specifically for the upkeep of the wagon. **Grease, axles, rope**
- Name 5 foods packed for the journey. **Bacon, four, beans, rice, dried fruit**
- On the plains, what did the families use to burn for cooking and heat? **Buffalo chips**

### L (General)

- How many states (today) did the Oregon Trail pass through? **Six states**
- How many miles per day on average did most emigrants travel? **12-17 miles**
- Name three dangers faced on the trail. **Disease, accidents, animals, weather**
- Before 1959, what were the two methods of travel to the west coast? **Boat and wagon trails**
- Which months were the best months for traveling? **April-Sept**