

## GUIDED READING

### Oklahoma: Our History Our Home

#### Chapter 7: Opening the West

##### Section 2 Crossing the Territory

Directions: Use the information from pages 176 - 185 to complete the following.

1. Whenever possible, the early traders and travelers used the \_\_\_\_\_ to get from place to place.
2. It was easier to travel by \_\_\_\_\_ mainly in the eastern part of the Territory, where the rivers were deeper and \_\_\_\_\_ was more abundant.
3. Early commercial craft included \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Keelboats could transport large amounts of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ soon began to \_\_\_\_\_ the Arkansas and Red rivers.
6. Many of the first \_\_\_\_\_ used by white people actually followed \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ paths, or trails \_\_\_\_\_ had used for hundreds of years to go between camps or to find food and water.
7. In 1848 discovery of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ caused a flood of people to make the journey to the West Coast.
8. Many overland travelers headed for California followed southern trails, such as the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, which began in \_\_\_\_\_, Missouri.
9. William Becknell, a Missouri trader, led the first \_\_\_\_\_ pulled by \_\_\_\_\_ on the Santa Fe Trail in 1821.
10. Thousands of people, horses, mules, oxen, and wagons traveled on the Santa Fe Trail, until the coming of the \_\_\_\_\_ led to its \_\_\_\_\_ (end) in the 1870s.
11. People leaving St. Louis and heading to the Indian Territory, Texas, or Santa Fe often followed the \_\_\_\_\_.

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12. As white traders and settlers headed west and south, the Osage Trace came to be called the \_\_\_\_\_.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ drivers could trade for fresh horses and passengers could find refreshments and lodging at several \_\_\_\_\_ (regular stopping places) located on the Texas Road.
14. In 1849, Captain Randolph B. Marcy and troops escorted five hundred gold \_\_\_\_\_ from Fort Smith to Santa Fe.
15. At Fort Smith, they \_\_\_\_\_ supplies, made repairs, and waited for the \_\_\_\_\_ (a procession of wagons traveling in single file) to head west.
16. Caravan after caravan of wagons headed \_\_\_\_\_ on both the southern routes through \_\_\_\_\_ Territory and the more northern \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Regardless of the route, all the immigrants faced great \_\_\_\_\_, and many \_\_\_\_\_ and were buried along the trails.
18. Captain Marcy wrote a handbook, *The Prairie Traveler*, for people traveling to \_\_\_\_\_.
19. His experience proved that \_\_\_\_\_ were better suited to withstand the drastic \_\_\_\_\_ variations and the length of the journey than were \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Beginning in the 1840s there was a great deal of interest and talk of a \_\_\_\_\_ (a railroad that spans the continent from ocean to ocean).
21. With the new \_\_\_\_\_ of land and the massive \_\_\_\_\_ west, \_\_\_\_\_ authorized the War Department to conduct surveys in 1853 to find the most \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ route for a railroad from the \_\_\_\_\_ River to the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean.
22. The invention of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the 1840s had greatly improved \_\_\_\_\_, but those telegraph lines didn't cover the newly \_\_\_\_\_ United States.
23. To fill in the large gaps between lines, messages were sent by \_\_\_\_\_, which was carried by \_\_\_\_\_.

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24. John Butterfield of Missouri was president of the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
25. In 1858, Butterfield won the \_\_\_\_\_ to carry \_\_\_\_\_  
between the Mississippi valley and California.
26. (A \_\_\_\_\_ is a formal, legally binding agreement between two or  
more parties.)
27. Stations were located at regular intervals along the \_\_\_\_\_ so that tired  
horses and mules could be quickly \_\_\_\_\_ for fresh ones.
28. There was not enough \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to  
maintain the many trails, so a \_\_\_\_\_ system was used, as was  
customary in other parts of the country.
29. In 1860, the \_\_\_\_\_ proved to be an even  
faster way to deliver mail, but the \_\_\_\_\_ interrupted  
plans for a Butterfield pony express service.