



# Westward Expansion

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: Grade 5

## Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: The Oregon Trail was a short 200-mile route to the West.

Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Fix the sentence: Gold was discovered in California in 1869 at Sutters Mill.

Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fix the sentence: People who rushed to California for gold were called settlers.

Rewrite: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

- Pioneers traveled west in covered \_\_\_\_\_ along the Oregon Trail.
- California became a state in the year \_\_\_\_\_ .
- The biggest dangers on the Oregon Trail were disease and bad \_\_\_\_\_ .
- James \_\_\_\_\_ discovered gold at Sutters Mill in California.

## Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Why did thousands of people travel to California in 1849?

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2. What hardships did families face on the Oregon Trail?

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**Part A: Fix the Sentence**

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Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: The Oregon Trail was a short 200-mile route to the West.

Rewrite: The Oregon Trail was a long 2,000-mile route to the West.

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2. Fix the sentence: Gold was discovered in California in 1869 at Sutters Mill.

Rewrite: Gold was discovered in California in 1848 at Sutters Mill.

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3. Fix the sentence: People who rushed to California for gold were called settlers.

Rewrite: People who rushed to California for gold were called 49ers.

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**Part B: Fill in the Blank**

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Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. Pioneers traveled west in covered wagons along the Oregon Trail.
2. California became a state in the year 1850 .
3. The biggest dangers on the Oregon Trail were disease and bad weather .
4. James Marshall discovered gold at Sutters Mill in California.

**Part C: Short Answer**

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Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Why did thousands of people travel to California in 1849?

*Gold was discovered at Sutters Mill in 1848, and people rushed to California hoping to find gold and become wealthy. They were called 49ers.*

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2. What hardships did families face on the Oregon Trail?

*Families faced disease, harsh weather, rough terrain, limited food and water, and the journey took many months in covered wagons.*

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