

Pack Your Wagon Traveling Trunk Lesson Plan

Standards

Grade 4: Nevada Past and Present

- SS.4.2: Generate and answer supporting questions and use them to construct arguments about the past.
- SS.4.6: Construct responses to compelling questions using reasoning, examples, and relevant details.
- SS.4.8: Participate in a structured academic discussion using evidence and reasoning to share and critique ideas.
- SS.4.10: Use deliberative and democratic procedures to take action about an issue.
- SS.4.12: Analyze how Nevada's population and culture have changed over time.
- SS.4.13: Analyze the diverse population of Nevada's early inhabitants, natives, and settlers, and discuss their unique experiences and contributions.

Lesson Objectives

Understand: What the emigrants packed on their journey west, what was important to their survival and what they may not have made it to the final destination.

Know: The decisions that the emigrants had to make on the California Trail were very hard and very important. A wrong decision could mean the difference between making it to California or not.

Do: Experience the difficult decisions the emigrants had to make on their journey west.

Assessment for Objectives

- Participation
- Could do a writing assignment about what they chose to bring on their journey and what they left behind and their reasons for these decisions.

Introduction

- Why did Americans move west to California?
 - Land
 - Gold Rush