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# The Oregon Trail

*Read each question and circle the correct answer.*

1. The Oregon Trail was about { } miles long.

A. 20

C. 2,000

B. 200

D. 20,000

2. Which of these is a reason why people wanted to move out west in the mid-1800s?

A. To take advantage of cheap or free land

C. To find jobs

B. To escape religious persecution

D. All of the above

3. Pioneers traveled in covered wagons pulled by { }.

A. oxen

C. horses

B. mules

D. buffalo

4. Which of these was the greatest cause of death on the Oregon Trail?

A. Poisoning and diseases

C. Encounters with animals

B. Diseases, accidents, and harsh weather

D. Conflicts with Native Americans

5. The Oregon Trail was the only way to travel from Missouri to the West Coast until the { }.

A. development of the automobile industry

C. building of bridges over the Mississippi

B. completion of the Transcontinental Railroad

River

D. construction of Los Angeles International  
airport