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The Oregon Trail - Answer Key

Read each question and circle the correct answer.

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

A. 20

B. 200

☒ C. 2,000

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

B. To escape religious persecution

C. To find jobs

☒ D. All of the above

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

☒ A. oxen

B. mules

C. horses

D. buffalo

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

A. Poisoning and diseases

☒ B. Diseases, accidents, and harsh weather

C. Encounters with animals

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

☒ B. completion of the Transcontinental Railroad

C. building of bridges over the Mississippi River

D. construction of Los Angeles International airport