

Ad Lib Activity - *Westward to Santa Fe!*

The success of journeys on the Santa Fe Trail were often reported in newspapers. Today, we can learn about traders, trips, and goods from the old newspaper articles that were published during the heyday of the Santa Fe Trail. Now, it's your turn to make headlines! Imagine you are a trail traveler and want to report your journey in the local newspaper.

Fill in words that match the descriptions below. Your words will automatically complete the letter on the next page. Once you have a word for every description, go to the next page to read your completed letter!

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1. Name: _____ 8. Noun: _____

2. Name: _____ 9. Noun: _____

3. Verb (-ed): _____ 10. Noun: _____

4. Noun: _____ 11. Verb (-ed): _____

5. Adjective: _____ 12. Verb: _____

6. Adjective: _____ 13. Noun: _____

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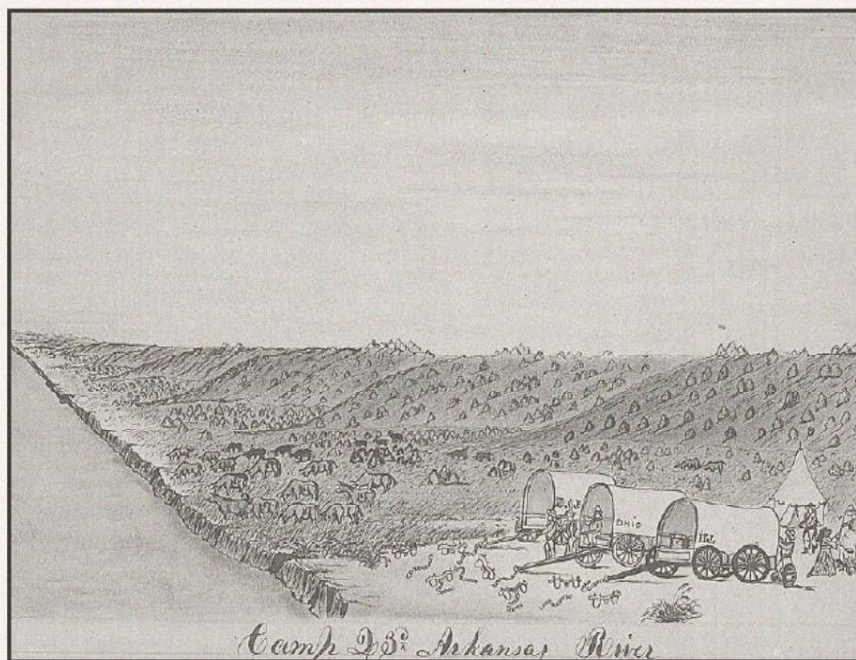


Illustration by Daniel Jenks, 1859. Somewhere near Great Bend of the Arkansas River in Kansas

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A black and white engraving depicting a large gathering of people and animals in a hilly, mountainous landscape. In the foreground, several people are on horseback, some holding up objects, possibly hats or flags, in a gesture of celebration or protest. A man on foot is also visible, holding a hat. In the middle ground, a large, rounded structure, possibly a tunnel entrance or a large building, is the focal point. A crowd of people and animals, including horses and oxen, is gathered around it. Some animals are being led by people, while others are standing freely. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a cloudy sky. The overall scene suggests a significant event, such as a festival, a protest, or a historical moment.

“Arrival of the Caravan in Santa Fe,” lithograph, 1844.