

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. When you have a word for each description, fill in the blanks on the next page with your words. Then, read your completed newspaper article!

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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: _____

7. Adjective: _____ 14. Noun: _____

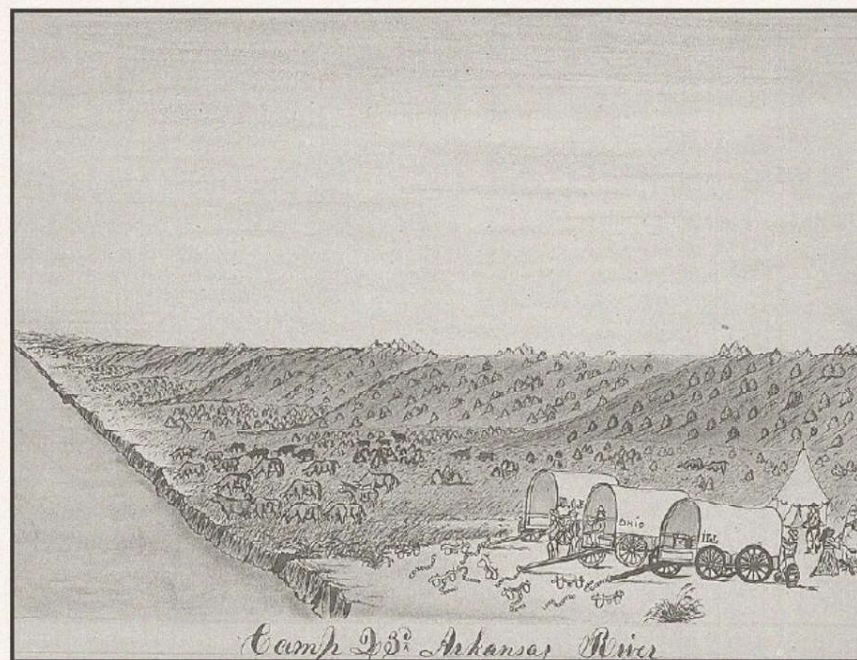


Illustration by Daniel Jenks, 1859. Somewhere near Great Bend of the Arkansas River in Kansas

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Independence, MO, - Today, and
name name

_____ their wagons for their _____ across the
verb (-ed) *noun*

Santa Fe Trail. Their wagons are a _____ purchase
adjective

from Hiram Young. They have _____ wagon beds and
adjective

_____ covers - classic Prairie _____. After
adjective noun

they were done loading soft _____, _____,
noun noun

and other goods, they _____ their oxen and set off

down the Trail! They _____ forward to the _____

and _____ they will get for their wares in Santa Fe.
noun



"Arrival of the Caravan in Santa Fe," lithograph, 1844.