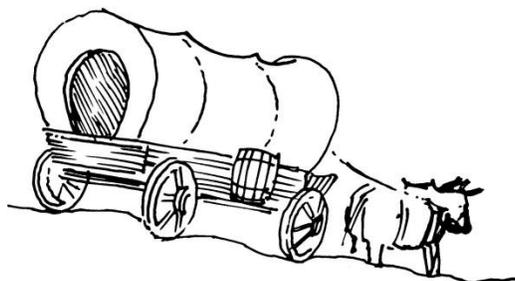




5-6 DISCOVER Explorers & Homesteaders



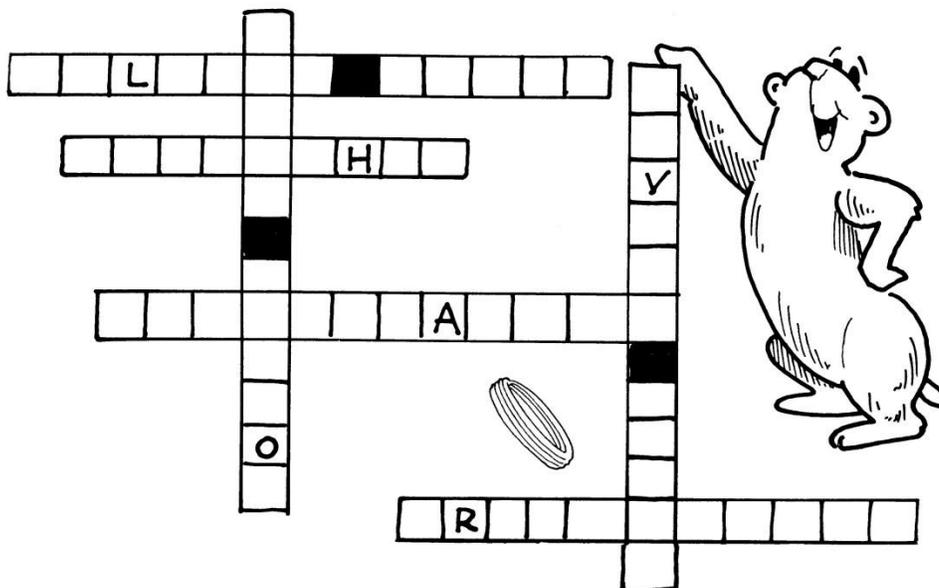
Early Explorers and Homesteaders

Reports of gold discovery in the Black Hills brought many prospectors to the region of Devils Tower. It did not take long for the gold to dwindle, and homesteaders settled the land.

The Belle Fourche Valley was rich with hilly prairies and spacious grasslands. Settlers from the Midwest took up ranching and farming. A few larger ranches were also found in the vicinity. Cattle flourished, freely roaming on the open range.

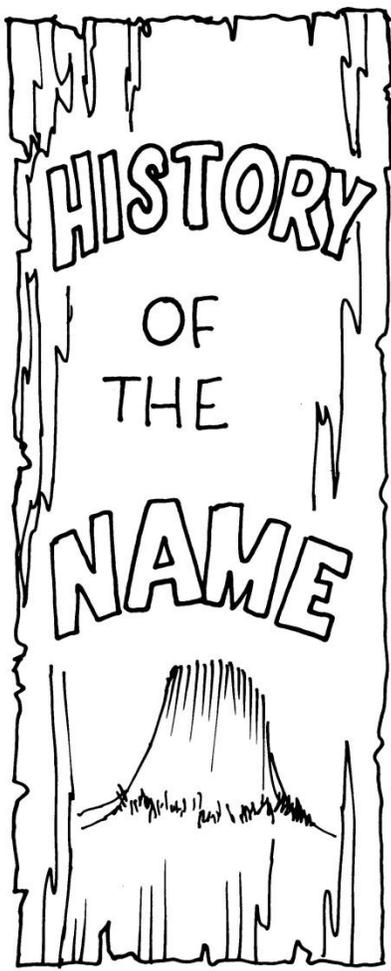
Several attempts were made to obtain Devils Tower for private ownership. Fortunately, all were denied, and the Tower remains as a national landmark.

Fill in the puzzle below.



WORD LIST

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Colonel Dodge
Henry Newton
homesteaders
Devils Tower
ownership
prospectors
ranches
expedition
Belle Fourche
Mateo Tepee
Black Hills



Colonel Richard I. Dodge was in charge of a U.S. Geological Survey party which was formed to explore the Black Hills region. It was Colonel Dodge and his assistant, Henry Newton, who wrote about the uniqueness of the tower.

Colonel Dodge published a book in 1876 entitled *The Black Hills*. He called the peak **Devils Tower**. He explained that the Indians called it "The bad god's tower." Dodge changed that name to Devils Tower. Henry Newton also wrote in his account that the name Mateo Tepee appears on older maps. Newton said the Indians were calling it "the bad god's tower," or in better English, "the devil's tower."

It is believed that the new name of Devils Tower was created after this expedition.

Use the words from the word list to complete the puzzle.
A letter from each word is given to help you.

