Oregon or Bust!

A guided tour for fourth grade Kansas Museum of History • Topeka

Kansas Museum of History in Topeka is providing an opportunity for you to combine Kansas standards with a unique educational experience!

This tour gives your students a chance to find out first hand what it might have been like to be a pioneer on the Oregon-California Trail. Students are assigned to families who traveled the trail. Through the use of actual diary and journal entries students learn of the problems these families encountered. Students also calculate what to pack for their journey and then load their wagons with supplies. Red wagons with canvas tops and model-size boxes and bags add to the interactive experience.

This tour addresses grade specific standards and provides pre- and post-visit material to help teachers meet those standards.

Information:

Schedule tours at least two weeks in advance. One-hour, 15 minute interactive experience \$4 per student kshs.org/14937

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Fourth Grade Kansas Standards

History

- Benchmark 1, Indicator 4: The student describes how communication and transportation systems connect Kansas to other regions, past and present.
- Benchmark 1, Indicator 5: The student compares and contrasts the purposes of the Santa Fe and Oregon-California Trails.
- Benchmark 1, Indicator 6: The student describes life on the Santa Fe and Oregon-California Trails.

Common Core Reading

 RI 4.3: The student will explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.

Common Core Writing

W 4.3: The student will write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.

This tour is designed to complement the *Read Kansas!* lessons 1-6 and 1-7 – Santa Fe and Oregon Trails.

