Worksheet 1: Comparing Trails

Below is a graphic organizer of the Santa Fe and Oregon-California Trails. After reading Kaleidoscope’s articles on both trails, please list 3 things that make them alike.

Both Trails, Santa Fe and Oregon, have:

1. _____________________________
2. _____________________________
3. _____________________________

Santa Fe Trail Only:
- Two Way Trip
- Traveled by merchants, usually men, who wanted to trade goods.
- Large wagons could hold up to 6,000 pounds of trade goods.

Oregon Trail Only:
- One Way Trip
- Traveled by families moving west.
- Wagons could hold up to 2,000 pounds of food and supplies for their new home.