



## Chimney Rock, Nebraska Reading Comprehension

Rising majestically from the rugged landscape of the American West, Chimney Rock stands as a towering symbol of natural beauty and geological marvel. Located in the heart of Nebraska, in the North Platte River Valley, this iconic rock formation has fascinated travelers and adventurers for centuries. Today, it is the main attraction at the Chimney Rock National Historic Site.

Standing at over 300 feet tall, at an elevation of over 4,200 feet above sea level, Chimney Rock commands attention with its slender spire piercing the sky. It served as a prominent landmark for native peoples, early pioneers, and explorers navigating the vast frontier.

Chimney Rock's history includes its role as a navigational aid along the Oregon, Mormon, and California Trails, guiding thousands of wagons westward during the 19th century. Today, it remains a cherished symbol of resilience and exploration.

**1. 19th century travelers who saw Chimney Rock, were likely moving \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) north
- b) west
- c) east
- d) south

**2. The word *cherished* is used in the last sentence. Which sentence below uses *cherished* correctly?**

- a) We were cherished after the long trip west.
- b) I was so cherished, that I fell asleep immediately.
- c) We cherished the time we got to spend together in the wagon.
- d) It soon became obvious that his illness was cherished.

**3. Based on the description of Chimney Rock, which picture is most accurate?**



a)



b)



c)

**4. What is not true about Chimney Rock?**

- a) It was an important landmark for native peoples.
- b) Chimney Rock stands at an elevation of 300 feet above sea level.
- c) It was a landmark for early pioneers on the Oregon Trail.
- d) It is located in the North Platte River Valley.

**5. Which of the following best describes how Chimney Rock served travelers?**

- a) It was the halfway point between home and their destination
- b) It was a place travelers could rest and buy supplies.
- c) It was a place people could test their climbing abilities.
- d) It was an important navigational aid for those traveling on the Oregon Trail.

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1. (b)
2. (c)
3. (a)
4. (b)
5. (d)