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Use the Interactive Westward Trails Map on MrNussbaum.com

Name _____

1. Click on the Oregon Trail. Which famous landmark towered more than 300 feet above the North Platte River Valley?

- a) Fort Laramie
- b) Chimney Rock
- c) The Dalles
- d) Great Plains

2. What was traded at Fort Laramie?

- a) gold
- b) silver
- c) cotton
- d) fur

3. Soda Springs is home to natural _____.

- a) geysers
- b) springs with carbonated water
- c) gold mines
- d) caves

4. Which is NOT true about the Great Plains?

- a) There are frequent tornadoes
- b) There are buffalo herds
- c) There are vast forests
- d) There are places with few people

5. Which stop on the Oregon Trail means "flagstone" in French?

- a) The Dalles
- b) Fort Laramie
- c) Oregon City
- d) Fort Boise

6. Select all that are true about Oregon City.

- a) It was the final destination for travelers on the Oregon Trail
- b) It was the Capital of the Oregon Territory.
- c) Its founder hoped to generate hydroelectric power from the Columbia River
- d) It was the first incorporated city in the Great Plains

7. Now, Click on the Santa Fe Trail. Which of the following BEST describes Fort Dodge?

- a) A place high in the mountains where travelers could rest and stock up on supplies.
- b) The final destination for travelers on the Santa Fe Trail.
- c) One of the original towns of the "wild west; lawless and dangerous."
- d) A town in Kansas where the rich and powerful went on vacation.

8. Which stop on the Santa Fe was the second oldest Spanish settlement in what is now America?

- a) Fort Dodge
- b) Santa Fe
- c) Bent's Fort
- d) Independence

9. On which of the following stops would a traveler most likely trade for buffalo robes?

- a) Santa Fe
- b) Bent's Fort
- c) Fort Dodge
- d) Independence

10. Now, Click on the California Trail. What happens to rain that falls in the Great Basin? Select all that apply.

- a) It evaporates
- b) It flows into nearby streams or rivers
- c) It flows into the ocean
- d) It accumulates in playas

11. Fort Hall was located at the junction of the _____ and _____ Trails. Select two answers.

- a) Oregon
- b) Mormon
- c) California
- d) Santa Fe

12. Which of the following best describes why travelers were so desperate to make it to Sutter's Fort.

- a) To ride the Transcontinental Railroad
- b) To claim land in California
- c) To trade with Native Americans in the area
- d) To find gold and fortune

13. Now, Click on the Mormon Trail. Why did Brigham Young hope to find a place that was undesirable?

- a) Because he thought it would make a good investment
- b) Because he was very humble
- c) Because he wanted his followers to be left alone
- d) Because he couldn't afford any other place

14. What is implied in the paragraph on Nauvoo?

- a) That it would be the perfect place for a Mormon settlement
- b) That members of the Mormon faith came to Nauvoo because they were not allowed to settle in Missouri
- c) That members of the Mormon faith preferred Council Bluffs
- d) Members of the Mormon Church had first settled in Utah before coming to Nauvoo

15. What was the original name of the permanent Mormon state?

- a) Utah
- b) Great Salt Lake
- c) Council Bluffs
- d) Deseret

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2. (d)
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