



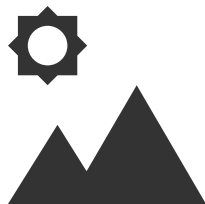
5 Diary quotes

Day 1 source



Underline the information that you find interesting

Quotes from the National Historic Trail Interpretive Center
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Henry Allyn, August 11, 1852

"We have good roads comparatively. We mean good roads if the sloughs are not belly deep and the hills not right straight up and down and not rock enough to turn the wagon over."



Amelia Stewart Knight, June 1, 1853

"Raining all day...and the boys are all soaking wet and look sad and comfortless. The little ones and myself are shut up in the wagons from the rain. Still it will find its way in and many things are wet; and take us all together we are a poor looking set, and all this for Oregon...I am thinking as I write, 'Oh Oregon, you must be a wonderful country'"



Amelia Hadley, July 19, 1851

"There is some of the largest rattle snakes in this region I ever saw, being from 8 to 12 ft. long, and about as large as a man's leg about the knee. This is no fiction at all."



Abigail Scott, June 8, 1852

"The great cause of diarrhea, which has proven to be so fatal on the road, has been occasioned in most instances by drinking water from holes dug in the river bank and long marshes. Emigrants should be very careful about this."



Esther McMillan Hanna, 1852

"Passed six fresh graves!... Oh, 'tis a hard thing to die far from friends and home—to be buried in a hastily dug grave without shroud or coffin—the clods filled in and then deserted, perhaps to be food for wolves..."

After reading these journal excerpts, use this box make a list of words you would use to describe the journey west.



Amanda Gardner Johnson Interview, 1921

"When I think back nearly 70 years to our trip across the plains I can see herds of shaggy-shouldered buffaloes, slender-legged antelopes, Indians, sagebrush, graves, by the roadside, dust and high water and the campfire of buffalo chips over which I cooked the meals."

*Note: Although this quote from the past uses the term "Indians" we now use the terms Indigenous or Native to describe First Nations Peoples.