

Going West!

SS Time Traveler Project

Due Monday, May 12, or before



You and your wagon family have mysteriously been sent back in time and are stuck in the mid-1800s during the US Westward Expansion. (Fortunately, you can bring your Chromebook and a connection to the TVSD Wi-Fi with you.) This is a time when many people are preparing to travel west on one of the trails we've studied in class. You discover that there are **two tasks** you must complete to get back to our present time:

1. Create a WeVideo daily journal that documents your adventures on the trail. You must describe five (5) days of your journey. Be creative. Dress the part. Use appropriate backgrounds and special effects to make us believe you are in the mid-1800s. The total video time should be 2-3 minutes. Your daily video journal must include all of the following:

☐ Trail name and dates you are traveling. Which already established trail will you choose?	☐ Why are you moving west? (What is your goal? Land? Gold? Freedom? Fleeing persecution?)
☐ Necessary supplies and amounts you plan to take on the trail. Remember, your wagon can only hold up to 2,400 lbs.	☐ Did you include an image or video of your Tinkercad wagon, OR show your finished product to your teacher?
☐ A map that includes where your trail starts and ends.	☐ Did you encounter any Native Americans? Friends or Foes?
☐ Rivers you may have crossed, mountains you had to go over, landmarks or forts you saw along the way	☐ Animals you encountered...were you hunting them or were they hunting you?

Make a COPY of [this](#) to take notes for yourself.

You can't do the video or Tinkercad until your teacher checks your notes.

PART 2:

The second requirement to get back to the year 2025 is that you must create your own, updated, and modern version of a Conestoga-covered wagon, also known as the Prairie Schooner. After you complete your trail with your family, this modern wagon will be the time machine to take you “Back to the Future” to the year 2025, just in time for summer!

Your wagon must include at least [5 parts of an original Prairie Schooner](#). What parts you choose and how your wagon looks is up to you. [Directions are here](#) for Tinkercad.

Westward Expansion Time Traveler Project: 60 Points

Requirement | Criteria for Passing: 10 points for each below

- Daily Video Journal (WeVideo) | Includes at least 5 distinct days, creatively presenting life on the trail with historically appropriate detail. All 8 key topics are addressed.
- Creativity & Effort | Demonstrates thoughtful effort through costume, backgrounds, sound effects, or video editing. Student is “in character.”
- Tinkercad Wagon Design | Modernized Conestoga wagon includes at least 5 original wagon parts and is submitted via image, video, or shown to the teacher.
- Map | Student includes a labeled trail map from start to finish, aligned with the trail mentioned in the video.
- Notes Review | Notes are complete and approved by the teacher before video work begins.
- Timely Submission | Project is submitted by May 12 (or earlier).