

PIONEER LIFE

Pioneers are the first people who settle in an area. People traveled west to explore new parts of the U.S. during the 1800s. Some stopped in the Great Plains. Others went on to California or Oregon.



1862—Homestead Act:



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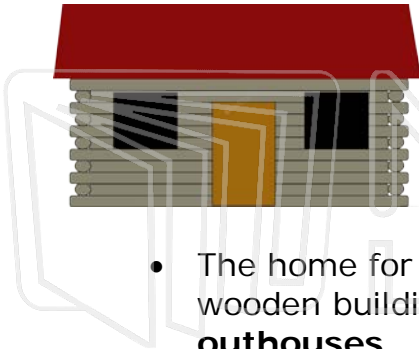
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- Broken wagons and wheels
- Sickness
- Rain, wind, snow
- Slow travel: 10-15 miles per day on a good day

Life on the Great Plains:

- There were lots of hard things about living on the Plains.
 - People lived very far apart. It was lonely.
 - There was not a lot of rain. It was hard to grow crops.
 - There were windstorms.
 - There were snowstorms.
 - There were many Native Americans. They were not happy to have settlers coming to live there.

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- The home for a pioneer was often a log cabin. These were wooden buildings. They had outdoor bathrooms called **outhouses**. People made their own soap from lye and grease. They also canned food and put food in a **root cellar** to keep it from spoiling. There were not many doctors. People had to use plants for medicine. They made quilts to use as blankets.



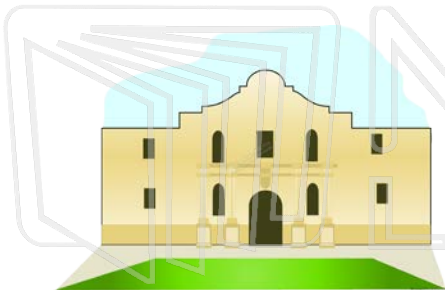
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nickname.

- Annie Oakley: She was a great sharpshooter. She traveled with Bill Cody's Wild West Show.
- Davy Crockett: He fought at the Battle of the Alamo.



Try This!

Draw an X through things that would not have been found in pioneer days.

candy computers horses wagons
batteries log cabins root cellar refrigerators

True or False?

A group of wagons traveling together is called a wagon team. T / F

Buffalo Bill Cody started a Wild West Show. T / F

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_____ is a name for the first people to settle in an area.



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