



THE ARCHWAY

KEARNEY, NEBRASKA



EXPLORATION QUEST

Are you ready to travel on The Great Platte River Road? Let's see if you have what it takes to make the journey!

Begin by clicking on Boone Rivers for an introduction, then start the first story by clicking on the  icon on the escalator. When it tells you to head up the escalator, **do not** click on the white arrow until the audio is completely over.

Adventure Begins

Introduction: Sally Hester is writing in a _____.

Now, head up the escalator. Once you get to the top of the mountain, you'll go through the covered wagon. Click on the  icon to hear from mountain trapper, Jim Bridger. Keep going to explore Ft. Kearny!

Covered Wagon: What year was Ft. Kearny built? _____

Ft. Kearny: Ft. Kearny was one of the last supply shops along the trails. How many miles was it to Ft. Laramie? _____

Flagpole: Which year did the emigrants started each trail?

Oregon Trail: _____

Mormon Trail: _____

California Trail: _____



Crossing Plains: Read the sign to the left of the red wagon wheel. What year did Ft. Kearny close? _____

Early Exploration

Go West: What type of animal usually pulled the covered wagons? _____

Wagon: What kind of wood were wagons made from? _____

Buffalo Run: Native Americans used all parts of the buffalo. What was the heart used for? _____



49ers California: Most of the 49ers returned home **rich** or **poor** (circle one).

Mormons: The Mormons used _____ because they couldn't afford covered wagons.

Abandoned Goods: Look at the scene of the broken-down wagon. List 3 items you see that were left behind to lighten the load.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Journey's Outcome: New Chest was chief of the Piegan _____ Nation. Many Native Americans died from diseases like _____ and _____.

Innovation

Pony Express: Fill in the blanks below.

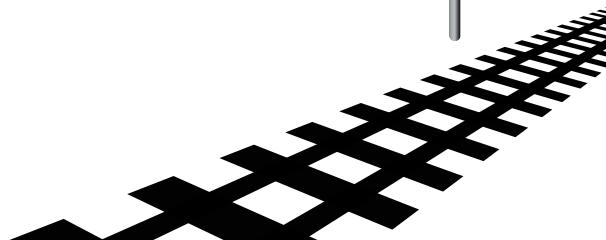
There were more than _____ relay stations.

Riders weight limit was _____ pounds.

It took _____ days to travel 2,000 miles.



Race for Riches: President _____ signed The Pacific Railroad Act in the year _____. **Bonus:** Draw your own train in the space below. What does it carry? _____



Pawnee & Major North: The Pawnee Scouts guarded the building of the transcontinental railroad from _____, Nebraska to the plains of _____, Wyoming.

Union Pacific: Read the Union Pacific Country wall. A ticket cost \$ _____ to go from _____, Nebraska to _____, California.

Modern Age

Lincoln Highway: Read the sign labeled "Main Street of the Nation." How many miles long is the Lincoln Highway? _____

How many states does the Lincoln Highway go through? _____



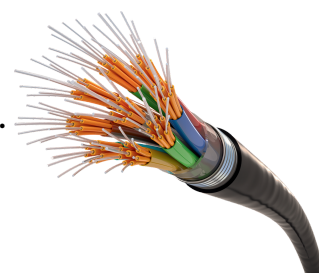
Kozy Kabins: The transcontinental driver must be prepared to _____ every night.

Drive-In Movie: Drive-in movies reached their peak popularity in the late _____ to early _____.

Superhighways: Interstate 80 was created by President _____. It cost \$ _____ to complete.

National Parks preserve areas of _____, _____, and _____ importance for the benefit of all Americans.

Wiring America: Fiber optic cables replaced _____ wires.



Wall Map: List three things you see on the wall map.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Roadside Restaurant: Say hello to Flo! What would you order if you were eating at this diner? _____



Our Grounds

Statue Garden: How many acres did homesteaders receive under the Homestead Act? _____