

Name: _____

The Oregon Trail RAFT

R – Role of the writer. Who are you as the writer?

A - Audience. To whom are you writing?

F – Format. What form will the writing take

T – Topic. What is the subject or the point of the piece?

You are an American heading west on the Oregon Trail . You are one day away from Oregon and you decide to reflect on the past 5 months. You're going to write a letter home describing the events that took place.

In the letter you need to write about the following:

- Why are you heading to the Oregon territory?
- Who is going with you?
- What supplies are you taking?
- What hardships did you face?
- Did everyone make it?
- What supplies were useful? Which supplies did you throw out?
- Did everyone make it?
- What are your hopes for your new life in Oregon?

Your letter needs to be

- At least a page long
- Typed
- Double spaced
- 12 pt. font

Please remember

- You are writing a letter to a loved one
- It is the early 1800s – do not use modern slang words
- You have no idea what is going to happen in the future
- Use your Rubric to get every point possible

The Oregon Trail RAFT Rubric

Project Benchmarks	Points
Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describes the reasons for your trip /2 • Details who is traveling with you /2 • Describes what supplies you are taking and why /2 • Details that hardships that you faced /2 • Identifies what supplies were useful and what were not /2 • Identifies who did not make it to Oregon /2 • Explains your hopes ad dreams for your future in Oregon /2 	
Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar /2 • Structure /2 	
RAFT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role /2 • Audience /2 • Format /2 	
Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least a page /1 • Typed /1 • Double spaced /1 • 12 pt. font /1 	
Total	/32

Point Scale

2	Excellent
1	Meets the benchmark
0	Misses the benchmark or gives incorrect information

Additional comments: