CALIFORNIA TRAIL VOCABULARY

Define the following words that relate to the California Trail

*California Trail* – a 2000 mile trail facilitating migration of people from the east to California

*Cholera* – a dangerous infections disease which can kill people in 12 hours

*Covered Wagon* – a vehicle used to transport goods before the advent of automobiles

*Emigrant* – a person who leaves one country to settle in another

*Frontier* – the part of a settled country that lies next to a region that is unsettled

*Great Basin* – region between the Sierra Nevada and Wasatch Mountains including most of Nevada and parts of California, Idaho, and Utah

*Gold Rush* – the name used to describe the mass migration of people to California in 1849 after the discovery of gold

*Landmark* – an object that marks a place

*Manifest Destiny* – the belief that expansion of the United States was justifiable and inevitable

*Migration* – the act of moving from one region or country to another

*Native American* – word used to describe people who lived in America prior to Europeans

*Oxen* – common domestic cattle used especially for hauling loads

*Pioneer* – a person who goes into unknown areas, opening up the way for others to follow

*Propaganda* – an organized spreading of ideas to promote a cause

Using your NEW VOCABULARY, write a story about emigrants on their journey west.