



Activity - How do you get to California?

Theme: Emigrants who traveled on the California Trail traversed 2000 miles over a variety of landscapes.

Goals: Students will understand that the California Trail follows a distinct pattern following natural resources.

Objectives: Students will learn:

1. Geographic features the Trail passes through
2. The significance of water on the Trail.

Standards:

- G5.4.2 Identify spatial patterns on a map of Nevada, i.e., deserts, mountains, population.
- G6.4.1 Describe the distinguishing features of historical regions in Nevada, i.e., Native American tribal territories, pioneer trails, and settlement areas.

Name:

Date:

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On the Map below, draw where you think the California Trail was located.



Answer the following questions:

1. How did you decide where to place the California Trail?
2. What landforms (mountains, rivers, etc.) does it cross?
3. Which modern states does it cross?

Below is a picture of the California Trail.



Answer the following questions:

1. Why isn't the California Trail one line?
2. Does the trail follow any patterns?
3. What is the significance of the location?