

Social Studies, Grade 8

Unit VII: Lesson B5

Diary / Map: **Crossing the United States**



Research the settlers who traveled across the United States.

Imagine that you crossed the United States with your family in a covered wagon through Salt Lake and into southern California. Write a diary of your experiences. Write a diary of experiences you would have making the same trip by car or RV today. Compare the experiences and travel time of both trips. Draw a map of both trips showing the differences in the roads and the routes.

Share your report and maps with your class.