Roughing it On the Oregon Trail, 1843

Roughing it On the Oregon Trail, Diane Stanley, 2000.

Time shift story, in which modern characters are transported back in time, or a historical character is transported to the present.

The story is narrated in third person through the eyes of the narrator, narrating the story of Liz, Lenny, and their magical grandma. They go back in time to 1843 which is the time of the Oregon Trail.

At the beginning of the story Liz, Lenny, and their magical grandmother are talking about the past, Abraham Lincoln, Elizabeth, and a knight. Their curiosity got the best of them so they go back in time by using the magical hat to their cousin, Elizabeth, on the Oregon Trail. They are going with the travelers on the journey to Oregon.

The grandma is a very good time traveler because she knew how to time travel back into time. This helps them work together to get what they wanted. They wanted to travel with the pioneers to get to new land for more space. The grandma is also brave because she went back in time. Another trait is intelligent because she went back in time to learn things she didn’t know before about 1843. The theme is working together as a team.

If Lenny told the story he would want to have a great time. He would want to bring adventure like helping gather food and help killing buffalo. Another thing he would talk about was all the hard work he did gathering wood.

The character interactions help the reader learn about history. Liz and Lenny played with the other kids on the Oregon Trail. The dog Spot, played with the other dogs too. The grandma interacted with the magical hat which let her go back in time to 1843, so it tells you about the time period. It tells about buffalo chips and how English travelers meeting the Native Americans. The author made the main character come to the Native Americans so you can better understand the story.

Historical Facts from the story:

* + They had to take items out of the wagon to get up a steep hill or mountain.
  + You can detach the wheels of the wagon so it can be a boat for the water.

Historical Facts from the story:

* + On the time of the Oregon trail the Russian, Spanish, Mexican, and English leaders would fought over who would get the land. Unfortunately, wars were fought over the land. Many lives were lost in the wars.
  + One detail is they used buffalo interaction for food and for buffalo chips.
  + Another fact was they all helped each other to survive on the Oregon Trail like help get food or start fires.