**Roughing it On the Oregon Trail**

 In the story it states on the Oregon trail to get up a hill, they had to take out items and leave them, then they had to push the wagon up themselves. This historical fact from the story is true. The facts to prove the information in the story is true, are:

* “The wagons had to be halted several times while landers lightened the load of the wagon.”
* “The pioneers would dump their things to lighten the load of the wagon.”
	+ Voices from the Oregon Trail, written by Kay Winters.
	+ The Oregon Trail, written by Mel Friedmen.

 In the story it states to get across a river they had to take everything off and put the wheels and hood inside. This historical fact from the story is true. The facts to prove the information from the story is true are:

* “The pioneers would remove the wheels and paddle across.”
* “Large boats called scows take the wagon across the river. The pioneers would put blocks of wood in the front and back of the wheels so they would not roll.”
	+ The Oregon Trail, by Mel Friedmen.

 In the authors notes it states: In the time of the Oregon Trail, the Russian, English, and Mexican leaders fought wars over the land. Sadly, lives were lost. This historical fact from the authors note is true. The facts to prove the information in the authors not is true, are:

* “The most important war to occur in the colonies was the American Revolution.(1775-1783)”
* “In 1803, France offered to sell the United States all the land it owned west of the Mississippi.”
* “Mexican troops attack the Alamo mission and kill all but two Texans. President James K. Polk sent troops to Texas to protect the border. Soon Mexican troops were shooting at each other.”
* “A war fought over the rights to Texas. After the war, the U.S. paid Mexico $15,000,000 for land that would soon become California, Texas, Utah, Nevada, and many other states that would soon become the United States.”
	+ [www.Ducksters.com/history/westward\_expansion](http://www.Ducksters.com/history/westward_expansion)
	+ The Oredon Trail, by Mel Friedmen

In the Authors note it states: One detail is that the pioneers used buffalo chips. This Historical fact from the authors note is true. The facts to prove this information from the authors note is true are:

* “The pioneers had to burn dried bison dung to fuel their fires.”
* “Children found buffalo chips to fuel fires.”
	+ The Oregon Trail, by Mel Friedmen
	+ Wagon Trains and Settlers, by Ellen H. Todress

 Three other additional facts about the time of the Oregon Trail or 1843 time period is:

* “England signed the Oregon Treaty handing over the territory to the U.S.A. Eventually, there were so many Americans in that region that Great Britian gave up that land.”
* “People began to travel west in wagon trains on the Oregon Trail. Around 300,000 people would have to take the trail over the next 20 years.”
* “The Pony Express begins delivery of mail. It’s a mail delivery service that ran between Missouri and California. The Pony Express used a planned out route with a number of stations along the way. Riders would carry the mail station to station, switching to a fresh horse at each station. Every hundred or so miles the rider would be replaced. This allowed the mail to be constantly moving at a good speed.”
	+ [www.Ducksters.com/history/westward\_expansion](http://www.Ducksters.com/history/westward_expansion)

Another place to get more information about the Oregon Trail and the 1800’s timeline is [www.Ducksters/history/Westward\_Expansion](http://www.Ducksters/history/Westward_Expansion)

The artifact that represents the story is a covered wagon because in the time of the Oregon Trail the pioneers used covered wagons to cross the whole country. This protected them from heat when inside.