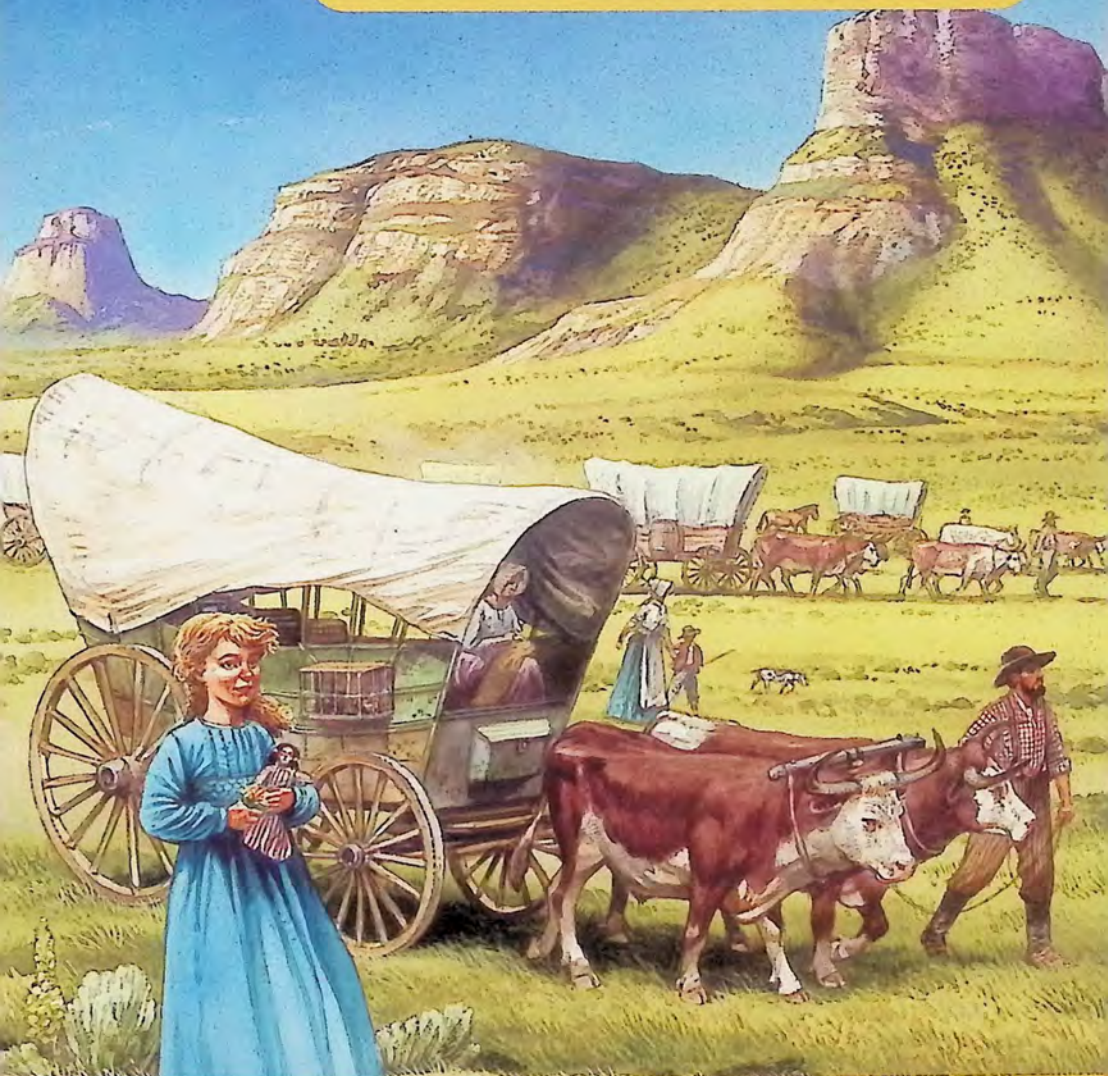


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March 23,
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Dear Diary,
My name is Olivia Clark
and I've lived in Elk Grove,
Missouri, my whole life.
But that's about to change.





Pa heard that many farming families are moving west to Oregon Territory.

They're looking for free, open land and a new start.

Since times are tough and our little plot of land can't produce many crops, we're leaving, too.

Pa told us at supper.

I can't sleep.

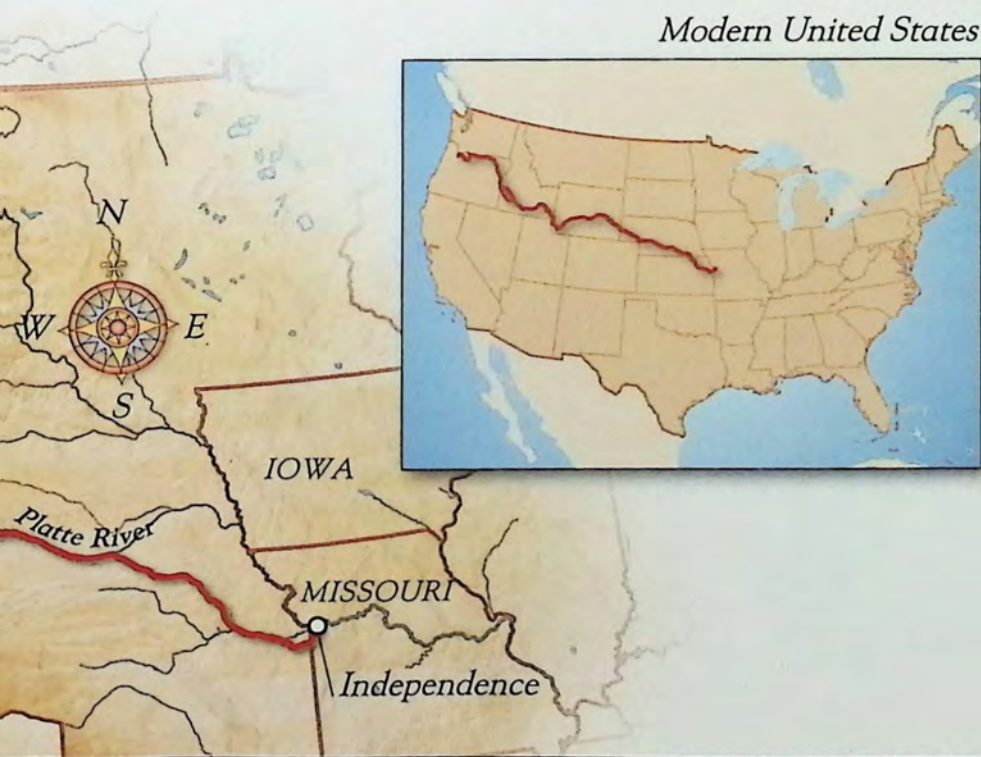
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Ma said Oregon Territory is far away and it will take many months to get there. Pa warned that we'd travel long distances through wilderness. Sometimes we'll be the only white folks around!

The Oregon Trail was a 2,000-mile (3,200 km) path from Missouri to Oregon Territory, passing natural landmarks and crossing rivers. It was used from 1843 to the 1870s.



Once we arrive, we'll have a very large plot of land all to ourselves. This means a bigger house, a barn for the animals, and space to grow lots of crops. I hope I like it there, wherever *there* is.



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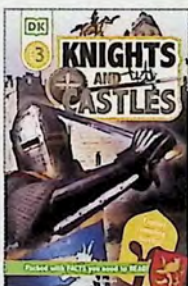


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