

# TRAILBLAZERS VS. TRAIL FOLLOWERS

When People first started moving west, ranches and towns were built, and people built trails to herd cattle and to pioneer new cities in the west.



Early Settlers



Cowboys

MADE THEIR WAY ON THE ROAD

LESS TRAVELED

**Both of these were both  
trailblazers and trail followers**

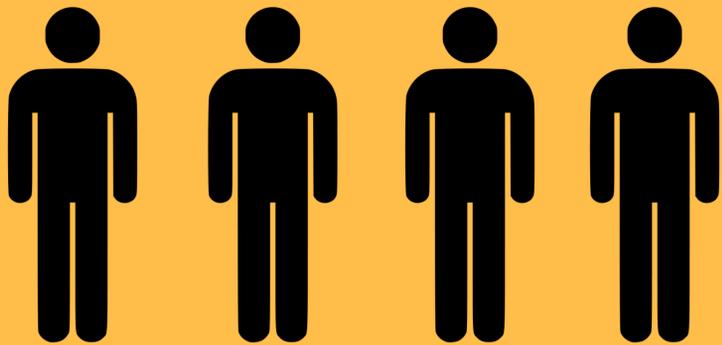
A trail outfit, as a group of cowboys herding cows were called, could be on the trail for 3-4 months!

# Cowboys: Life on the trail



## Four Main Jobs on the Trail:

Manager, Cook, Cowboy, and Horse Wrangler



**A cowboy**  
Could be a teenager.  
Almost all of them were under 30

## There were three trails:

The Chisholm Trail, the Goodnight-Loving Trail and the Great Western Trail

They each went to some central US state

**A group of 20 cowboys**  
Could herd 3,500 cattle

## The Main Reason

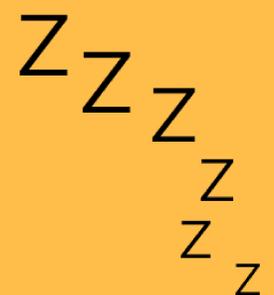
That cattle drives existed was because people (soldiers) came back to Texas after the Civil War, and found thousands of cows.

At this time, there was a growing demand for processed meat, so these soldiers would build ranches, and then hire Cowhands, or Cowboys, to herd cattle up north to railroads, where they were shipped to meat processing plants

**COWBOYS  
WORKED**

**12-16 Hours**

**A DAY**



# Two main Pioneer Trails

Sante Fe and Oregon  
Trails had spurs that led all  
over the country.



# American Pioneers Life on the trail

About 500,000  
people made the  
dangerous  
journey across  
the 2,000+  
mile long Oregon  
trail. WOW!

The very first  
trailblazers  
were fur  
trappers and  
missionaries

## Most Later Settlers and Pioneers

Were heading for the  
Willamete River valley,  
where modern Portland,  
Oregon is located

The journey  
could take



**OVER A YEAR!**

This westward  
expansion of the United  
States got many  
Native Americans  
angry at the US.  
While westward  
expansion had its  
advantages, it had  
many more  
disadvantages



# One Pioneer settlement

Was located in the Salt  
Lake region of Utah, and  
was  
settled and run by a group  
of  
Mormon pilgrims

**In their Wagons,**  
Pioneers had to stuff  
all of their belongings  
including: food, bedding, medicine,  
furniture, and precious objects. The  
chances of losing or damaging  
something important were very high.



# Definitions:

- **Trail outfit:** Group of cowboys, a cook, a manager, etc. herding cattle.
- **Trailblazer:** Someone, or a group of people, who make trail for others to follow.
- **Horse Wrangler:** Someone who would hold the trail outfit's extra horses.
- **Cattle:** Group or herd of cows.
- **Pilgrim:** A pioneers, who goes on their journey for religous purposes
- **Mormon:** A religion