

Travel Journal



Eugene

Oregon

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Social studies includes the study of people, their power, government, religions, traditions, businesses, culture and more. In this unit you will learn about the history of Eugene, Oregon.

Reading Focus

- Learn about the history of Eugene, Oregon.
- Look back at the web pages to correctly answer the questions.
- Discuss (share and listen) what you have learned with others.

Oregon

1. Fifty states make up the United States of America. Oregon was the _____ state to join the U.S.A.
2. What special day did Oregon become a state? _____
3. Which year did Oregon become a state? _____
4. Is Eugene a city in the state of Oregon? YES / NO

Willamette Valley

5. Which mountain range borders the Willamette Valley on the west? _____
6. Which mountain range borders the Willamette Valley on the east? _____
7. Is Eugene in the Willamette Valley? YES / NO

Eugene

8. Which river flows towards the north through Eugene? _____
9. Which other river is near Eugene? _____
10. Why is the land around Eugene good for growing things? _____

Kalapuya Territory

11. Which major group of people lived in the Willamette Valley before European settlers arrived?

12. Water is sacred to the Kalapuya natives.
What does *sacred* mean in the above sentence? _____
13. Why was the Willamette Valley a good place for the Kalapuyans to live? _____

14. The food that was very important to the Kalapuyans was _____

Kalapuya & Settlers

15. Why did explorers come to the area now called Oregon? _____

16. Why did the settlers come to the area that is now called Oregon? _____

17. In 1855, why were there only about 500 Kalapuya Natives still living? _____

18. After the 1855 Kalapuya Treaty was signed, the Kalapuyans were required to live on a smaller area of land called a _____

19. After listening to *The Beginnings of the Kalapuya People* by Ester Stutzman, why did some Kalapuyans flatten the foreheads of their babies? _____

Kalapuya Today

20. Has the United States government always honored, or followed the rules, of the 1855 Kalapuya Treaty?

Explain. _____

21. What tribe are the Kalapuyans a part of? _____

22. How have the cities of Eugene and Springfield honored the Kalapuyans? _____

23. How do the Kalapuyans honor their heritage? _____

24. Today, could you easily recognize a Kalapuya Native American? Why or why not? _____

Ya-po-ah to Cham-a-te

25. There are two tall topographical features in the area now known as Eugene that were (and are) important landmarks. What did the Native Americans call these features? What do we call these features?

Kalapuyan Words	Our Words

26. Thinking about how the Kalapuyans lived, why do you think Skinner Butte did not have trees on it long ago? _____

Eugene Skinner Boyhood & Adulthood

27. In what state did Eugene Skinner spend his early years? _____
28. Eugene Skinner was a farmer and was also elected as the _____ of Putnam County, Illinois.

The Decision

29. What year did Eugene and Mary Skinner leave for the Oregon Territory? _____

30. Why didn't Eugene and Mary Skinner's three daughters travel with them to Oregon? _____

31. Why did Eugene and Mary Skinner decide to move to Oregon? _____

32. Which two countries wanted the Oregon Territory for their own? _____

33. How much land did the U.S. government promise settlers of the Oregon Territory in 1843? _____

To California

34. How long did Eugene and Mary Skinner have to save money before they could leave for the Oregon Territory? _____

35. Upon reaching the Oregon Territory, Eugene and Mary Skinner chose to take the _____ route, which took them to the _____ Territory. They waited _____ months for better weather before traveling to the Willamette Valley.

36. Why did the Skinners have to leave Sutter's Fort? _____

37. When did the Skinners leave Sutter's Fort? _____

Oregon or Bust!

38. How long did it take the Skinner's to travel from Sutter's Fort to what is today Rickreall, OR? _____
39. Eugene Skinner found land near the _____ and a butte.

Claiming Land

40. List two requirements that settlers must do to claim land. _____

41. Why didn't the Kalapuyans claim land? _____

A New Home

42. What did the Skinner family use their home for besides living? _____

43. When the Skinner family moved out of their cabin, how many children did they have? _____

A New County

44. The Oregon Territory Legislature created “Lane County” (where Eugene is currently located) in year _____
45. Who donated land in Lane County on which to build the courthouse? _____

A Real Town

46. What was the first name of Eugene? _____
47. Who first named the city? _____
48. Why was the city re-platted 2 years later? _____

49. What was Eugene’s nickname? Why was this the nickname? _____
