

Oregon

Long, long ago, many people heard secrets about Oregon. They headed where the soil was good for farming. Many people wanted to travel across America to this state. They wanted to plant crops.

Traveling across America in a covered wagon was very dangerous. Travelers could go only in summer. They had to beat the coming cold weather. Many people on the Oregon Trail did not have enough food or fresh water. Many travelers died.

Today, you can visit Oregon by car, plane, or

train. Maybe you'd want to visit Crater Lake National Park and see America's deepest lake.



Name _____

Reading Skills

1. What might you see if you visited Oregon?

_____ the deepest lake _____ the widest lake
_____ the coldest lake

2. Some people went to Oregon because it had _____ soil.
rich poor dirty

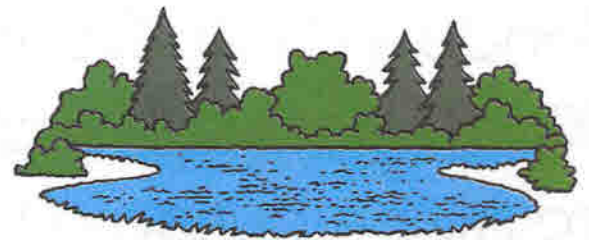
A **table of contents** tells you where to find things in a book. Use this table of contents to answer the questions.

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4. If you want to find out where the city of Portland, Oregon is, turn to page (3, 25).



Thinking Further

1. Do you think there are farmers in Oregon? How do you know?

2. What are a few words that describe Oregon?

Directions:

Reading Skills—Comprehension and Facts and Details (1-4): Have students read the question and mark the correct answer.

Thinking Further (1-2): Have students read each question and then discuss their responses, or have them write down their thoughts on a separate sheet of paper.