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Dusty Trails and Secret Maps: A Pre-K Frontier Quest

Construct a new settlement by choosing the right tools and deciding where your pretend pioneers should sleep tonight.

1. If you were a pioneer child moving West, which of these would you BUILD to keep your family warm and safe?

- A. A tall skyscraper made of glass
- B. A log cabin made from trees
- C. A bouncy castle
- D. An ice cream shop

2. True or False: Pioneers had to decide which toys to leave behind because their wagons were too small for everything.

- A. True
- B. False

3. To find their way through the tall grass and mountains, explorers looked at a _____ to see where to go.

- A. Television
- B. Mirror
- C. Map
- D. Window

4. You reached a big river! There is no bridge. How will you get your heavy wagon to the other side?

- A. Wait for it to turn into ice
- B. Drive it into the deep water and see if it behaves like a boat
- C. Look for a shallow 'ford' to cross or turn the wagon into a raft
- D. Call for a giant airplane

5. True or False: Native Americans and settlers sometimes shared food and ideas about the land.

- A. True
- B. False

6. Pioneers didn't have a grocery store. To get food, they had to _____ seeds and wait for them to grow.

- A. Buy
- B. Plant
- C. Paint
- D. Hide

7. If the sun is going down and it gets cold, what is the FIRST thing you should create for your camp?

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- A. A campfire for warmth
- B. A pile of gold
- C. A noisy drum set
- D. A picture of a cat

8. A wagon train is a group of families who travel _____ to help each other stay safe.

- A. Alone
- B. Together
- C. Backwards
- D. In the dark

9. True or False: Every person moving West found gold right away and became very rich.

- A. True
- B. False

10. You see many different plants! How do you know which ones are safe to eat?

- A. Eat them all and see
- B. Ask a Native American or someone who knows the land
- C. Wait for a pigeon to tell you
- D. Only eat the blue ones