

Friendly Letter Format

(heading)

(address of writer)

(date)

Dear _____, (greeting)

(closing)

(signature)



Supplemental Vocabulary List

Chapter 1:

exaggerated – to make bigger than the truth

calico – cotton cloth with figured pattern printed on it in color

bedding – sheets, blankets, and mattresses for beds

Chapter 2:

prairie schooner – the style of covered wagon

quinine – a bitter, colorless drug used to treat malaria

castor oil – oil in medicine to promote bowel movements

Chapter 3:

agriculture – producing farm crops and livestock

toll – charge of money to cross a bridge, use a road, or perform a service

carcass – a dead body of an animal

gamier – a wild taste in meat, looked on as not good by most people used to eating farm animals

sod – a piece of grass and soil used to build a house

Chapter 4:

fiddlers – people who play the violin

Chapter 5:

herbs – plants used to flavor foods or as medicine

barter – to trade in exchange for something else

Chapter 6:

fare – money paid for a trip

Cause and Effect Chart

Name _____

Chapter _____

	DIFFICULTY (hardship)	CAUSE (why)	EFFECT (results)
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Answer Key Cause and Effect Chart

	<u>DIFFICULTY</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>EFFECT</u>
Chapter 1	Poor farming	Poor soil	Dream of rich land in West
Chapter 2	Crowded trail	Threat of early snow	Many people left at once
Chapter 3	Walking fifteen miles on foot	All could not ride	Blistered feet
Chapter 4	Cholera epidemic	Unsanitary conditions	Sickness and death
Chapter 5	Fear of Native Americans	Different ways	Did not ask for help
Chapter 6	Fording a river	No bridges	Pay for ferry
Chapter 7	Drinking water was low	Long trip - ran out of water	Boiled river water