

Directions

NAME: _____ DATE: _____ PERIOD: _____

In this assignment, you will be asked to visit the Fort Laramie National Historic Site in eastern Wyoming. The end product includes a poster that displays visual and written record of your trip to the fort.



FORT LARAMIE FAMILY FIELD TRIP

Location: Ft. Laramie National Monument is located on a paved road three miles southwest of the town of Fort Laramie, Wyoming, which is on U.S. 26, twenty miles west of Torrington, Wyoming. Take I-25 to U.S. 85 north of Cheyenne, then go north on U.S. 85 to Torrington, then west on U.S. 26 to the town of Fort Laramie. Signs will direct you to the National Monument.

Distance: Approximately 184 miles from Denver.

Admission charge: Three dollars for each adult. Children 15 and under are free.

PART I: SHORT ANSWER:

1. What was the most interesting part of the Fort in your opinion? Why?
2. How did this Fort tour help you understand this class better or vice versa? Explain.
3. Where in the fort would one find the billiard?
4. Where in the fort would one have been able to buy china plates?
5. Which building is nearest the flag pole?
6. What was the major purpose of the second floor of the Cavalry Barracks?
7. Why was the bachelor officer's quarters known as "Old Bedlam?"

(Do not include the short answers on your poster. Submit them separately please.)

PART II: ESSAY SECTION:

When you are done with the short answer section, write a solidly composed fourteen sentence essay on the following topic:

- ***Describe your trip to Fort Laramie, your tour of the fort, and how it helped you better understand life as a soldier in the Old West.***

PART III: MAP:

Draw a map of the fort and mark the following locations accurately on your map:

| The Cavalry Barracks | The flag pole | The ruins of the Infantry Barracks | The site of the original fur trading post | The post bakery | Old Bedlam | The restored guard house | The quarters of the post surgeon | The non-commissioned officers club | The Parade Ground |

PART IV: POSTER: The poster must have all of the following components:

1. Your name in a prominent position on the layout.
2. Add the required essay from Part II to your poster.
3. Add the required map of Laramie from Part III to your poster.
4. A “Top Five” list that lists your five favorite activities at the fort, with number one as the very best and on down. Explain why you chose each one.
5. A “Did You Know” section that lists five statements about Ft. Laramie that begin with the statement: “Did You Know...”
6. A visual aides section that includes at least five (5) visual aides. Visual aides could include photographs, diagrams, drawings, or three dimensional objects. Each must be clearly captioned. Each must have a clear connection to the topic. The required map in Part III will count as one of the five.

NOTE: PLEASE SUBMIT PART I AND II IN A FOLDER OR COVER SEPARATE FROM THE POSTER.