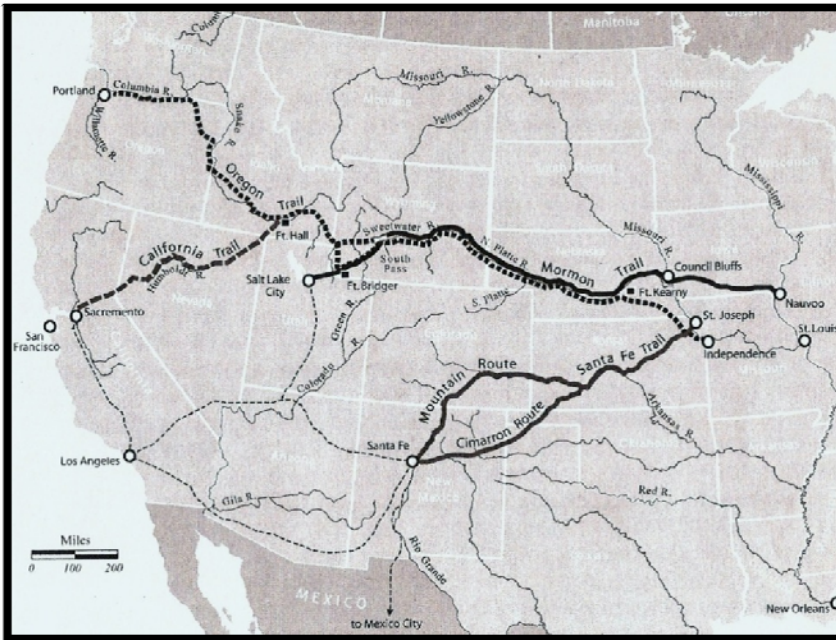


**Hunter College of the City University of New York
THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE U.S. AND CANADA
EXTRA CREDIT EXERCISE for EXAM THREE**

**Historic Wagon Train Routes across the American West
Due no later than the start of the exam.**

This take home extra credit question may add as many as 5 points to your exam grade. Consult a road atlas, *Goode's World Atlas*, *US National Atlas*, *National Park Service* (www.nps.gov), *Google Earth* or other satellite image web site, web-based search engines, and your textbook.

1. Select ONE overland trail from the list at right:



OVERLAND TRAILS
(select one)

- A) Oregon Trail**
- B) Mormon Trail**
- C) Santa Fe Trail –
Mountain Route**
- D) Santa Fe Trail –
Cimarron Cut-off**
- E) California Trail**

2. Describe the entire route of the overland trail from its outfitting (starting) point in Missouri (or elsewhere) to its final destination.
 - a. Include the name of the starting area
 - b. Describe all the landform regions crossed by the trail.
 - c. Describe major impediments encountered by the travelers (as rivers, mountains, weather, Indians).
 - d. Describe what the goal of most of the travelers was when they reached at their destination).
3. For the trail, select **2 natural landmarks** (i.e., physical trail markers) and **2 historic sites** (i.e., staging site, fort, supply station, encampment, river ford, etc.) and give its significance to the travelers.
4. Illustrate them by providing **both** of the following:
 - A photograph, historic sketch or image of the site. (Check NPS and state historic site web pages.)
 - A readable map of the natural landmark or historic site that shows both its site and situation. (Be sure to provide captions for the illustrations and list their source.)
5. When assembling your extra credit assignment for submission, create a **cover page** with (a) your name, (b) course number and (c) exercise name. (d) Include a map of the U.S. with your trail route shown and the location of the places discussed in 2, 3 and 4 above circled or yellow-highlighted.

Late hand-ins will NOT be accepted for this exam extra credit.