

Fancy a road trip - on foot?

People have made amazing migrations when under pressure since the days of the Biblical Exodus. At Curriculum Visions we have many examples of this.

Many people in your class may have experiences in their family of this: Flight from persecution in Russia and Germany of Jews, Windrush generation and Ugandan Asians in the 19th and 20th century, Irish and Scottish in the 19th century, Chinese in the 19th century, British to Australia in the 20th century, the list goes on and on.

So you have lots to discuss in terms of migrations with students in your class. You can discuss pull factors and push factors. Were the migrations all for the same reasons?

And they make for fascinating studies. Here is one that will also incorporate Roadtrip America if you are following Cornerstones.

Many migrations are not well documented, but the 19th century Oregon Trail is well documented. We have a book on it and a range of videos, which you can find conveniently all in one place here:

Oregon trail search term: <https://www.curriculumvisions.com/search/0/oregonTrail/oregonTrail.html>

Before watching the video (Oregon Trail Story) tell students the trip took 6 months - on foot! What would they take and why? Then watch the video. Make up poems and stories about hardships of the trail, aspirations, and feelings of regret from living alone. Imagine sitting around a campfire after a hard day's walk and writing it.

All this can come from one video (and the linked book and pictures if you wish).

Now we have over 1600 videos at Curriculum Visions. So every time you look at one, just imagine how you could fit it into your lessons, and the global experience it will give to students - whether it is nearby or a place far from where they

live.