

THE DOCTOR'S LADY QUIZ

1. True or False. In 1836, Oregon was part of the United States.

True - Oregon wasn't a state yet, but was a territory owned by the United States.

False - Oregon was jointly occupied by Great Britain and the United States.

2. True or False. To reach Liberty Missouri, the edge of civilization, most people traveled by steamboats because they were the safest mode of transportation.

True - In the days before the advance of the railroad, steam-powered boats carried people and goods in relative safety.

False - Steamboat travel was dangerous and frequently involved explosions, sinkings, and Indian attacks.

3. True or False. Fur trappers lived in the mountains for years at a time, hunting and trading for beaver pelts.

True - In the early 1800s, beaver pelts were used in making most of the fashionable hats, and the demand for the pelts nearly drove the beavers into extinction.

False - The mountain men were more interested in bear and elk fur for the use in winter coats and blankets.

4. True or False. Up until 1836, no white women had ever gone overland across the continent of North America to Oregon.

True - Many men had traversed the continent before 1836, but most people thought the trip was too dangerous for women.

False - Several women had gone but had died along the way.

5. True or False. The natives of Oregon territory were savage, warring people who felt threatened by the trappers and whites coming West.

True - The natives of Oregon were constantly stirring up fights among the surrounding Indian groups and often attacked the trappers' forts.

False - The natives, particularly the New Perce, were a peaceful, religious, and family-oriented people who welcomed the missionaries after their arrival.

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