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The Oregon Trail Comedy: Wagon Wheels and Whimsy

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. Discuss the role of humor and Mr. Smith's inventive spirit in lightening the mood during challenging times on the Oregon Trail. How did his attitude affect the group's morale?
2. Explore the character of Mrs. Smith and her contributions to the journey. How did her quick thinking and sense of humor impact the pioneers' experiences?
3. Reflect on the theme of friendship and camaraderie among the pioneers, focusing on the bond between the Smiths and the Johnsons. How did shared misadventures create a strong connection between them?
4. Imagine you were a child on the Oregon Trail. How might you have contributed to the laughter and camaraderie of the group, and what simple pleasures would you have enjoyed?

