

## Lesson 7

## READ THIS STORY #2, Advanced

**Westward Migration**

Hundreds of families made the westward migration to Oregon in the 1840's.

The United States had been going through a severe depression. Many people were out of work. Wages had been cut, and prices for farm crops were very low.

Oregon was reported to be a land where the sun always shone. The rivers and lakes were filled with fish. Its rich land was perfect for farming.

Families packed covered wagons with supplies and moved forward in groups along the Oregon Trail. They ventured westward to settle on unclaimed land.

They worried about the hazards of the trip, but their spirit of adventure was strong.

The stories of their courage in the face of hardship have inspired many of us.