

# Sons of the Utah Pioneers Essay Contest Assignment:

The Ogden Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers is sponsoring the Pioneer Heritage Essay Program for students in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. I am very excited for our class to get the chance to participate. Each student will be writing an essay about one of their own ancestors. The essay contest is divided into two categories

- 1) Pioneers arriving between before 1869
- 2) Pioneers arriving between 1869 and 1896

If a student does not have a pioneer ancestor they may choose to write about a Trapper, Explorer, Mountain Man, or Indian Tribe.

Students will be judged and a first, second, and third place winner will be chosen from each category. The school winners will be awarded a cash prize and then submitted to the Sons of the Utah pioneer representative for the overall judging.

Essays will be judged on the following criteria: 1) Correct historical information 2) Proper grammar 3) correct spelling 4) neatness 5) student's own work (not copied from a book or other source. Pictures may also be included. Students may have parents assist them with the information, but students should do the writing.

Each essay will need to be typed in a word program. If you do not have access to a word program, **let me know and we can make arrangements to stay after to type the essay at school.** The essay should be approximately 250-300 words (about one page). Essays will be broken down into several assignments and will be due according to the following schedule! Thanks for your help with this project! I hope you enjoy learning about the members of your family and their connection to Utah history!

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Description:</b>	<b>Due Date:</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>In class or Home project</b>
Five Generation Pedigree Chart	Students will complete a five generation pedigree chart detailing their ancestor's birth dates, death dates, and marriages.	January 22, 2013	100	At home
Brainstorming Page	Students will brainstorm ideas to begin the writing process.	January 15, 2013	50	In class on Jan 15 (today)!
Rough Draft	Students will complete a one page rough draft to submit to the teacher for editing.	January 31, 2013	75	At home Students will submit to teacher for editing help.
Final Draft	Student will type a one page final draft from the edited rough draft. The final draft will be submitted for the essay contest.	February 8, 2013	100	At Home

As always if you have any questions or concerns please let me know!

-Mrs. Chidester