

Timeline of America Moving West Chronological Copywork

1841: The first organized wagon train leaving Independence, Missouri, makes it to California, led by John Bidwell

1843: A group of around 900 settlers follow the Oregon Trail in what is known as the "Great Migration"

1843: Fort Bridger is established as a supply post

1846: The Santa Fe Trail is used to invade Mexico at the start of the Mexican-American War

1846: The Bear Flag Revolt happens, and the California Republic is established

1847: Cayuse warriors attack and massacre the Whitmans and others at their mission

1848: Gold is discovered by James Marshall at Sutter's Mill in California

1849: Thousands head to California to attempt to strike gold

1849: San Francisco is destroyed by fire

1853: Levi Strauss opens a store selling what would become known as jeans

1853: The United States makes the Gadsden Purchase from Mexico

1859: Silver is discovered at the Comstock Lode in Nevada, near Virginia City

1860: The Pony Express makes the first complete run from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California

1861: The transcontinental telegraph line is completed

1861: The American Civil War begins with the Battle of Fort Sumter in South Carolina

1862: The Pacific Railroad Act is authorized, allowing the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads to build a transcontinental railroad



1862: The Sioux uprising begins

1863: The Bozeman Trail begins being used to travel from Colorado to the Montana gold fields

1864: The Navajo begin a forced relocation to a reservation near the Pecos River

1864: The Sand Creek Massacre occurs, where over 230 Native Americans are murdered

1865: The American Civil War ends with the surrender at Appomattox Court House, Virginia

1867: The first cattle drive travels the Chisholm Trail on its way to Abilene, Kansas

1867: Alaska is purchased from Russia in what is known as Seward's Folly

1868: Chief Black Kettle of the Cheyenne is killed during an attack led by Lt. Colonel Custer on the Washita River

1869: The Transcontinental Railroad is completed

1869: Wyoming grants women the right to vote

1872: Cochise surrenders to General Howard and is sent to a reservation in Arizona

1872: Yellowstone National Park is established

1873: The first cable car begins running in San Francisco

1873: The Modoc Indian War ends in California with the capture of their leader, Kientpoos, or Captain Jack

1874: Gold is found in the Black Hills of South Dakota


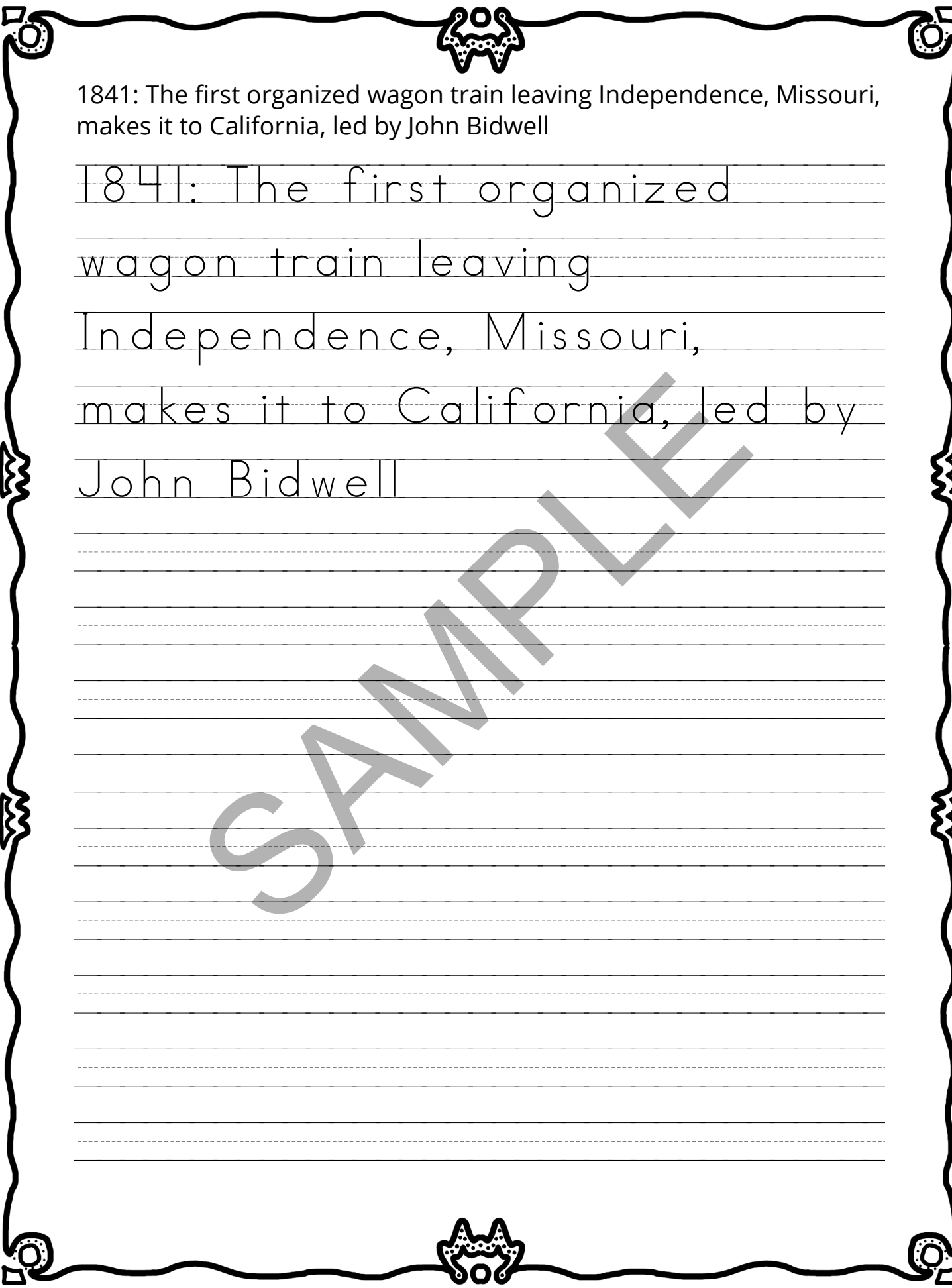
1876: The Battle of the Little Bighorn is fought in eastern Montana

1877: Crazy Horse is killed at Fort Robinson, Nebraska

1877: Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce surrenders

1881: The gunfight at the OK Corral happens in Tombstone, Arizona


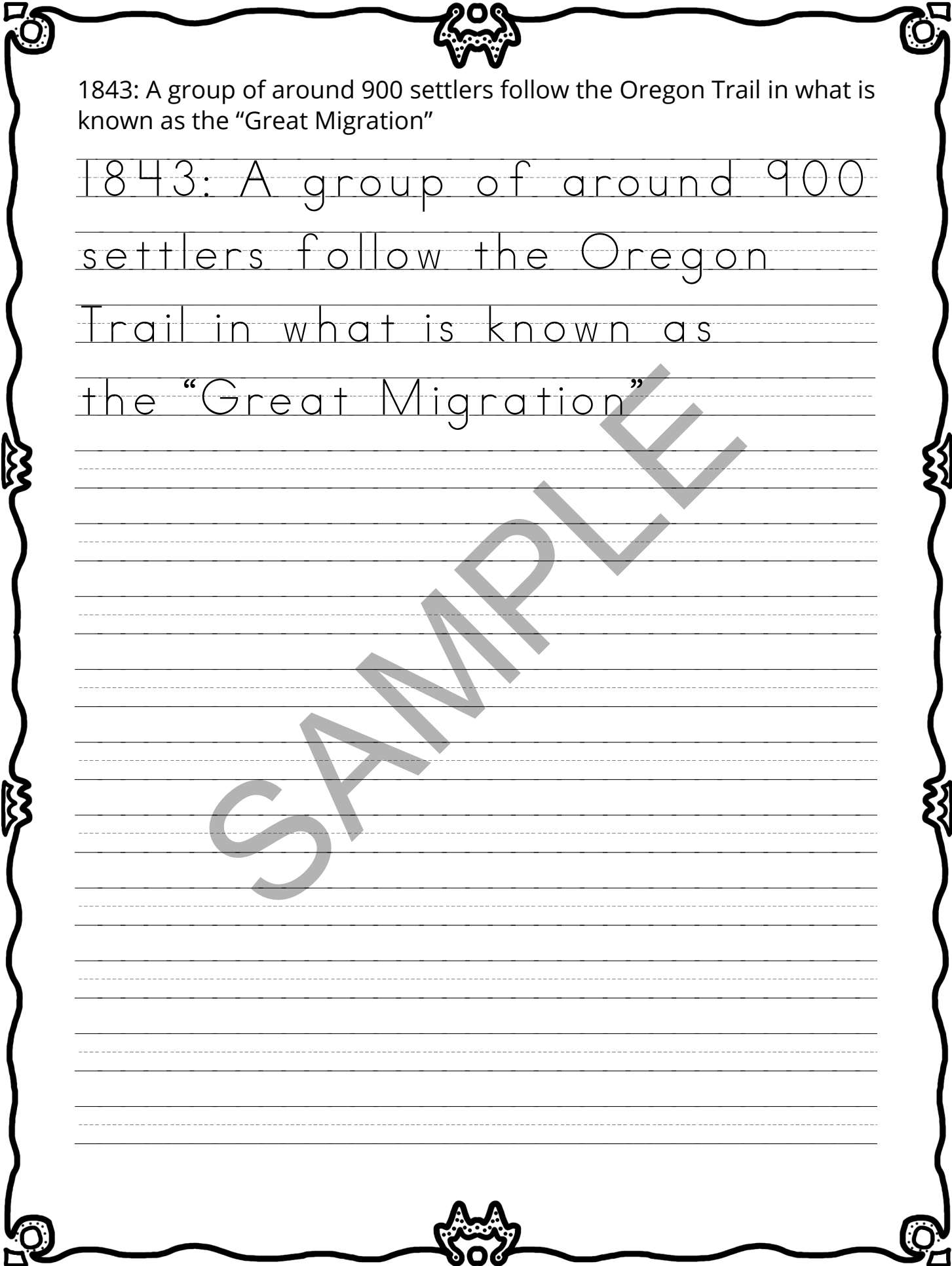
1886: Geronimo surrenders to General Miles



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