

## Template #14

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Pioneer Life On the Frontier

1. Read the following activities and choose one to complete and present to the class. If you wish to work with a partner, please get permission from your teacher.
2. Product: Decide how you are going to present your activity to the class.

**Activity #1:** "Building a Cabin in the Clearing" - Create a poster that illustrates how pioneers made homes and cleared fields for themselves. Please include a written caption that explains each illustration in your poster. Be sure to include the following topics in your poster:

1. Temporary homes
2. "Deadening"
3. Clearing
4. Building a cabin

**Activity #2:** "Way of Life"- Write a letter back home to a family member or friend and describe your way of life. Your letter must include **at least 4** of the following topics in your letter: food, household goods, hardships of winter, illness, children's chores, and house-raising.

**Activity #3:** "Schools and Churches"- Imagine you are a teacher working out west. Write a letter to your family back east and tell them about your job. Be sure to address the following topics in your letter:

- Describe the inside of your classroom/school
- Responsibilities
- How you get paid
- Describe your students, what you teach, and the textbooks you teach from
- Tell how the church is important to the community

**Activity#4:** "Government and Law"- Create a poster that illustrates what the first unwritten laws were like on the frontier. Please include a written caption that explains each illustration in your poster. Your poster must include the following topics:

- Examples of unwritten laws,
- Vigilantes
- Old Necessity from Texas