Steamboats

What was the cost of a steamboat ticket to Montana?

Why do you think the freight costs were prohibitive for farming families?

According to the essay, 40,000 people traveled to Montana between 1860 and 1888. Why did so many people go?

What were some of the problems associated with steamboat travel?
**Railroads**
What would have been the benefits of rail travel over steamboat travel?
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What were the drawbacks of railroad travel?
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What type of settler would have purchased a ticket in the emigrant cars?
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What type of settler would have rented out an entire boxcar?
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**Covered Wagons**
Why do you think the covered wagon was the most common means of transportation?
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What preparations had to be made on the wagons for the journey?

Why didn’t most settlers use Conestoga wagons, and what were their wagons called?

What is the square footage of the space settlers could use for freight in a covered wagon?

**Supplies**

What took up the most room in covered wagons?

What were the two main uses of firearms?
What sorts of supplies were transported by the wagon but not placed in it?

What would be the difficulties associated with transporting livestock and poultry by covered wagon?

Costs of the Journey
How did settlers raise the money to make the trip?

Why did settlers need additional money after they had purchased supplies?

What was often NOT transported by covered wagons?
What human costs could be associated with making a long covered wagon trip?

REACTION TO JAMES FERGUS’ SUPPLY LIST
After reading James Fergus’ supply list, create a one-paragraph response detailing the similarities and differences between the supplies on the list and your own patterns of consumption and use in the last week. What needs have remained the same? What has changed?