Some pioneers came to Canada across the ocean. They came from countries like England, France, Germany, and Italy. Other pioneers came from different parts of North America. Pioneers came to unsettled areas of Canada for different reasons. Some pioneers came because they wanted better lives. Other pioneers came because there was a war going on in their country.

1. Where did the pioneers come from that settled in and around your community?

2. Describe how the pioneers traveled to your community. What types of transportation did they use? What routes did they take?
3. Besides wanting better lives or having a war going on in their home country, think of three other reasons why pioneers might have come to unsettled areas of Canada.
   a. 
   
   b. 
   
   c. 

4. Choose one group of pioneers that lived in and around your community. Draw a map of the route they took to get to your community. Describe the route on the lines underneath your map.
5. Why are pioneers considered to be brave and daring?


6. Do you think all of the pioneers stayed once they were settled in a new area? Why do you think this way?
RESEARCH ACTIVITY #2
WAGON TRAINS

Pioneers traveled across the country in a covered wagon pulled by oxen. The wagon was covered with canvas. The canvas protected the belongings in the wagon. Space was limited in the wagon, so pioneers had to make choices about what to pack. Pioneers traveled in groups. These traveling groups of pioneers were called “wagon trains.” The pioneers experienced many hardships. Some of the hardships they experienced were a lack of water and stormy weather.

1. What is a wagon train?

2. Draw a picture of a wagon train.
3. List five hardships that pioneers experienced as they traveled in wagon trains.
   
   a. 
   
   b. 
   
   c. 
   
   d. 
   
   e. 

4. Choose two of the above hardships and explain how the pioneers handled the hardships.
   
   a. 
   
   b. 