

# Oregon Trail

Read both the first-person and third-person accounts. Then, compare and contrast what you read in the Venn Diagram.

## First-person:

"Word was passed that a woman had been accidentally run over and killed instantly... The woman was getting down from the moving vehicle, her clothing caught on the break-rod and she was thrown forward beneath the wheel." Ellen James Bailey Lamborn, September 3, 1864.

## Third-person:

The biggest threats to pioneers came from accidents, exhaustion, and disease. Crossing rivers were probably the most dangerous thing pioneers did. Swollen rivers could tip over and drown both people and oxen. These accidents could cause people to die and most or all of the supplies to be lost. Animals could panic when wading through deep, swift water, causing wagons to overturn. Animals could cause very serious injury to their owners. People could be crushed by wagons or animals, thrown by horses.

