LDS Pioneers Notes

Vocabulary

Exterminate: to destroy completely. *Ex: Governor Boggs wanted to exterminate the LDS people in Jackson County, Missouri.*

Persecution: Someone who is treated poorly or bullied because of race, political, or religious beliefs. *Ex: The LDS people were persecuted because others thought their religion was odd.*

Trial: a person or situation that tests your endurance and will. *Ex. Pioneers faced many trials on the trail, such as disease and bad weather.*

Martyr: A person who is killed because of their religious or other beliefs. *Ex. Joseph Smith was a martyr.*

Journey

1. Palmyra, New York
   1. Joseph Smith (14)
      1. Had a vision (God, Jesus Christ)
      2. Began a new church/religion
   2. Only his family believed him
      1. Others began to persecute the family
      2. Couldn’t find work so they left
2. Kirtland, Ohio
   1. Sent men on missions to other states, Canada, and Great Britain (Ireland, Scotland, England)
      1. Hundreds of people converted to the religion and moved to the U.S.
   2. Bought land, cleared it, planted farms, and built homes
      1. Displaced (moved) Homesteaders
         1. LDS bought the land and kicked off those who were squatting (lived on the land but did not own it)
   3. LDS began to outnumber those who lived there first (over 8 years)
      1. Think Canadians versus Herrimanians
   4. Dislike of LDS grew – LDS moved
3. Independence, Missouri (MO)
   1. Hundreds of LDS moved to MO in just a couple months
   2. Missourians originally thought LDS religion was a “strange new religion”
   3. Slavery was a HUGE political issue
      1. MO wanted slavery
      2. LDS were against slaver
         1. Many issues stemmed from this one problem
   4. Many unwise comments were made from both sides
      1. Tensions (problems) grew
   5. Extermination Order
      1. Given by Governor Lilburn W. Boggs
      2. To LDS: leave or be killed
         1. Issued Oct. 27, 1838
         2. Rescinded (cancelled or taken away) 1976
   6. Haun’s Mill Massacre (Oct 30, 1838)
      * 1. MO militia wrote warning letter and sent it
        2. Militia showed up at Haun’s Mill
           1. LDS people either hid in the smithy (Blacksmith’s workshop) or ran
           2. Militia attempted to kill all they found

18 LDS killed (including a 9 yr old and 78 yr old)

13 injured

Only 3 of the 250 militia were injured

* + - * 1. The warning message was never delivered
      1. Men known to be a part of the militia were never taken to court or held accountable for their crimes
  1. LDS fled and went to find refuge (a safe place)

1. Nauvoo, Illinois (IL)
   1. Nauvoo means beautiful in Hebrew
      1. It was a swamp
      2. Much sickness, some death (malaria)
   2. Became the largest city in IL (bigger than Chicago)
      1. Made other cities uncomfortable
         1. 12,000 LDS in Nauvoo
         2. 2,000-3,000 more in near by cities
      2. Some LDS members left the church and began spreading vicious (mean) lies and rumors (some true, some not)
   3. Angry mobs, burning of the press by LDS(the one that spread the lies)
      1. LDS leaders are arrested and put in jail
         1. Some became martyrs (died for their religion) including Joseph Smith
   4. Brigham Young becomes leader of the LDS church
      * 1. Read Hastings Guide
        2. Decided the LDS church would probably have to leave the U.S. to find peace – religious freedom
   5. Mobs burn houses and farms – LDS forced out in the middle of winter
      1. They crossed the frozen Mississippi River (one of the only times it froze completely)
2. Winter Quarters, Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa
   1. Towns created to escape traveling through the winter
      1. Not enough food or warm clothes
      2. Lots of disease and death
      3. Most survived the winter – continued on
3. Salt Lake City, Utah
   1. Brigham Young arrived on July 24th, 1847
      1. This is the right place
      2. Great celebration
   2. The valley was originally a desert
      1. Pioneers had to irrigate, farm, etc in order to live