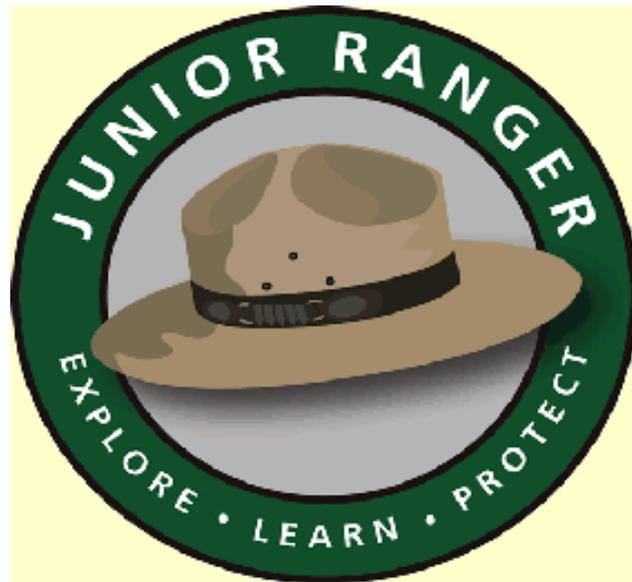


Whitman Mission National Historic Site



Junior Ranger Booklet – Ages 8 - 12

Earn a Junior Ranger Badge and Certificate!



The mission at Waiilatpu is the site founded among the Cayuse Nation in 1836 by Marcus and Narcissa Whitman and others. They were part of a series of missions established by the American Board of Foreign Missions in the Oregon Country. The missions lasted eleven years until events led to their closure.

Your Name: _____

Whitman Mission National Historic Site Website: www.nps.gov/whmi/

Mail completed packet certificate for ranger signature to:
Whitman Mission National Historic Site
Education Specialist/Junior Ranger Program
328 Whitman Mission Road
Walla Walla, WA 99362

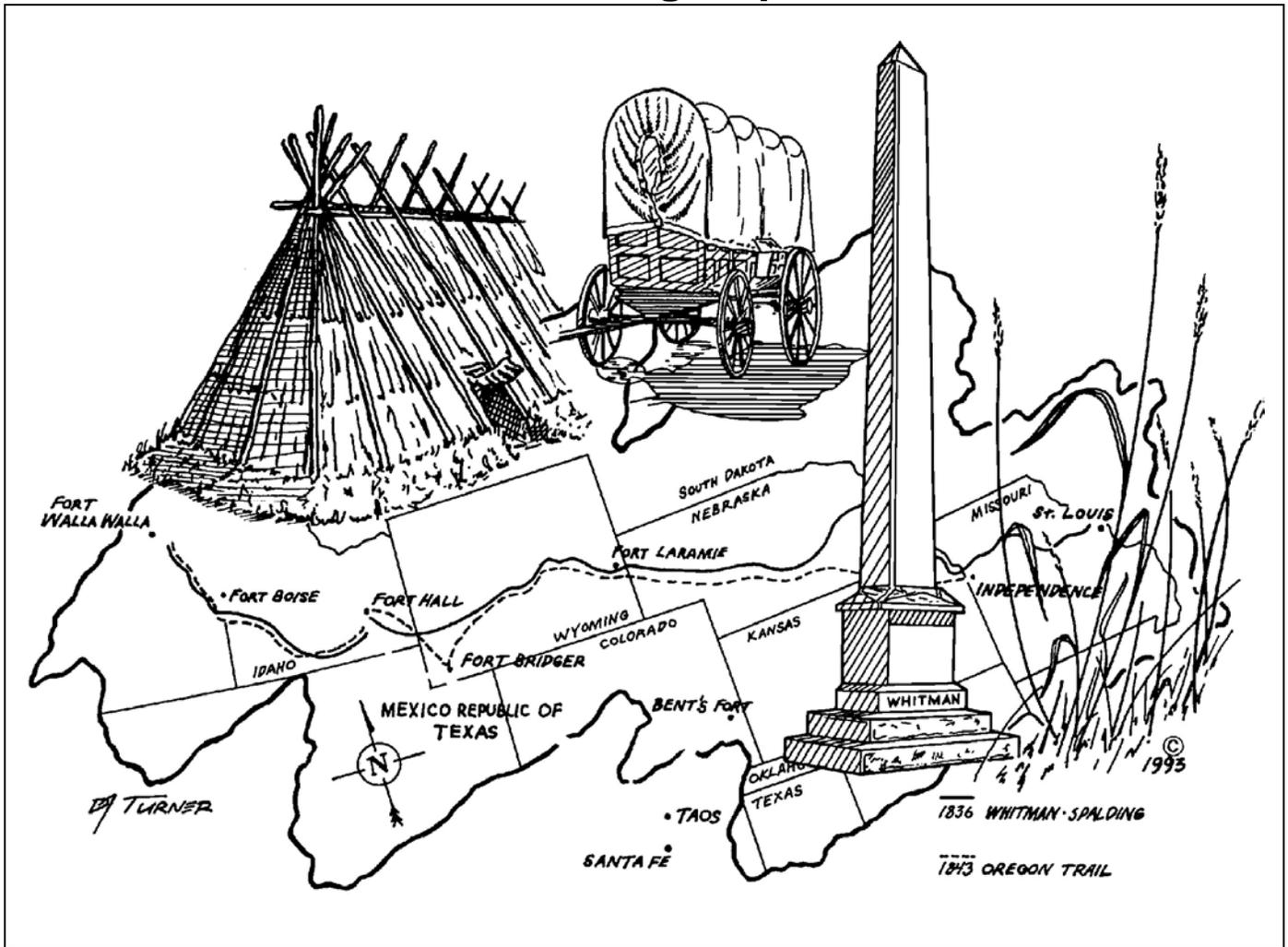
The Story of the Mission at Waiilatpu

Fill in the blanks from the word bank at the bottom of the page.

In 1836 five people, Dr. Marcus & Narcissa _____, the Reverend Henry and Eliza _____, and William H. _____, successfully crossed the North American continent from _____ State to the largely unknown land called the Oregon Country. At Waiilatpu and Lapwai, among the Cayuse and Nez Percé Indians, they founded the first two missions on the Columbia _____ . The trail they followed, established by _____ and fur traders, was later to be called the _____ . The Whitman's baby, _____ was the first child born of US citizens in the Pacific Northwest. In the winter of 1842-43, Dr. Whitman rode in a desperate journey to the east to save the missions from closure. On his return to the _____, he helped to guide the first great wagon train of emigrants to the _____ River. The Whitman's mission during its existence became a haven for the overland traveler. For eleven years, Marcus and _____ Whitman worked with the _____ Indians, bringing them Christianity, teaching them _____ and treating their diseases. Then, in a time of troubles when two opposing forces failed to understand each other, the _____ effort ended. The lives of the Whitman's were an example of perseverance, misunderstandings, and dedication to a cause. The missions represented one aspect of American expansion into the vast lands of the _____.

Word Bank: agriculture Cayuse Columbia Alice Clarissa Gray
Indians mission Narcissa Pacific Northwest Oregon Trail
Plateau Spalding Whitman New York Oregon Country

Coloring Map



1. The Tule lodge is made from a grass reed and poles for support. It protected the Cayuse people from the weather and offered a place for families to live. What are some activities you think the families did together?
2. The wagon was a way for people to travel along the Oregon Trail to the Oregon Country. It held all their belongings. What did you bring on your trip today that the emigrants may have brought on their trip?
3. The monument is on the hill top at Whitman Mission National Historic Site. What other monuments do you know about and what do they remind you of?
4. The mission was called Waiilatpu. It is named after the grass growing here. What is the name of the grass and the part used for food by the emigrants, missionaries and Cayuse people?

People of the Whitman Mission National Historic Site

Word Search

Now that you know why these words are important to Whitman Mission National Historic Site find them in the puzzle. The words can be up, down, backwards, forwards, or diagonally.

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P G I R C N E W Y O R K H R E K I I
E N Y B E A A R A G N E Z P E R C E
P I M T G G W U U I E V W N A T S L
C D E S U Y A C C T I T A Y L A I Y
U L E E O O H O O I L L I R A A E L
L A P W A I E M L P A U A O R S A P
L P E H S W N E U Z R N C T Y V R I
N S G T P I R O M U U T N I P N A T
U A N R A L Y V B I G O G R R U B W
N Z N O R L S A I A G A R R G G A I
E I L N Y I P C A E N R M E D G A H
N L S C R A A A R S C O A T O N A S
I E B I W M L O I A M T A N P A R I
U E I F E H D M V B L D T O T G E P
E G G I T G I M E O M R A G I S I I
C N T C G R N I R N A U T E O E H B
N E S A D A G C U I E V L R E O U G
S I E P A Y E E N C A G G O O R S L
U G N L I N A M T I H W S U C R A M
  
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agriculture
 Columbia River
 Henry Spalding
 New York
 Oregon Trail
 Waiilatpu

Cayuse
 Eliza Spalding
 Lapwai
 Nez Perce
 Pacific Northwest
 William H Gray

Columbia Plateau
 emigrants
 Marcus Whitman
 Oregon Territory
 wagon train

A Poem for Whitman Mission National Historic Site

Think of what you would like to remember about your visit to the Whitman Mission National Historic Site. Write a poem about it called a “cinquain” using the following rules:

- Line 1: Write one word to name what you are writing about (noun).
- Line 2: Write two words to describe it (adjectives).
- Line 3: Write three action words (ending in “ing”) about it (verbs).
- Line 4: Write a four word sentence about it.
- Line 5: Write one new word that names the subject (noun).

Here’s an Example:

Mission Waiilatpu
Historic, tragic
Inspiring, saving, caring
Preserving history for all
National Historic Site

Now it’s your turn:

Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

Line 4: _____

Line 5: _____

Congratulations! You’re a poet and now you know it.

Mission BINGO

When you find an object below draw a picture of it or describe it in the box. When you get four in a row you have a Mission BINGO!

A Bird	A Flag	Something Made of Wood	A Tree
Can you name it?	Where is it?	Where is it?	Can you name it?
A National Park Service Arrowhead	Something from the 1800's	An Old Building Site	A Plant
Where was it?	Where was it?	Where is it?	What is it called?
A Pond	A Ranger	A Visitor Center Sign	A Lizard
What is it called?	What is their name?	Where was it?	What color is it?
A Museum Object	An Animal	A Junior Ranger	A Monument
What is it called?	What is it?	What is their name?	Where is it?

Plant and Animal Word Scrambles

Unscramble the words to find some of the plants and animals of Whitman Mission National Historic Site.

Plants:

- elirwdy _____
- etwgarhsas _____
- lueb errerbydel _____
- lwwoil _____
- dwonottcoo _____
- ldwi odwgodo _____
- ldawinb lpaep _____
- barkclreyb _____

Animals:

- dere esomu _____
- otnnaem ovel _____
- opetkc phorge _____
- wtheiiealtd eder _____
- ndorgu elriqusr _____
- aadnca gsoeo _____
- edr eatdli kwha _____
- grhepo naeks _____
- ccafipi oefergrt _____
- ptiadne tertul _____

Draw It As You See It

In the box below draw your favorite Whitman Mission National Historic Site plant.

In the box below draw your favorite Whitman Mission National Historic Site animal.

What Or Who Am I?

See if you can figure out what or who the following are describing.

I came here to start a mission for the Cayuse Indians in 1836. I went to Washington, DC in October of 1842 to convince the American Board of Foreign Missions to keep the Oregon missions open and returned with the first wagon train to reach the Columbia River in 1843. I was killed by a group of the Cayuse Indians I was helping on November 29, 1847.

Who am I? _____

Our nation of people numbered over 500 when the Whitman's built their mission. Our lands were along the upper Walla Walla and Umatilla Rivers. Our neighbors were the Nez Percé, Walla Walla and Umatilla Indians. More than half of us lost our lives to measles spread from sick people in a passing wagon train.

Who are we? _____

I started as many animal trails that grew into a series of Indian and fur trapper trails. These trails were widened and lengthened over time until they reached all the way to the Columbia River and the Pacific Ocean. Emigrants used me to come to Oregon.

What am I called? _____

I stretch from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean and from the Russian settlements in the north to Spanish Alta California. Lewis and Clark mapped me while looking for a water route to the Pacific Ocean. Emigrants crossed through me, stopping at the mission at Waiilatpu for rest and supplies, as they traveled west. I officially became a Territory of the United States after the Whitman's were killed.

What am I? _____

Dr. Marcus and Narcissa Whitman established a mission here in 1836. For eleven years, the Whitman's worked here among the Cayuse Indians, bringing them the principles of Christianity, agriculture, writing, and treating their diseases. Today I protect the site of their mission and other buildings, their grave, a portion of the Oregon Trail, and a hill with a memorial to the Whitman's at its top. Rangers are at my Visitor Center to help you and answer questions.

What am I? _____

Interview a Whitman Mission National Historic Site National Park Service Employee

Find an employee of Whitman Mission National Historic Site and ask them about their job.

Date this Interview was done: _____

What is your name? _____

What is your job? _____

What do you like best about your job? _____

How long have you worked here? _____

Have you worked at other National Park Sites? Which ones? _____

What is your favorite part of Whitman Mission National Historic Site? _____



The National Park Service and You

Color in the National Park Service Arrowhead and then name what each symbol represents to you.



Sequoia Tree _____

Bison _____

Mountain _____

Lake _____

Arrowhead _____

What do you think is the work of the National Park Service? _____

Answers:

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The Whitman's baby, **Alice Clarissa**, was the first child born of US citizens in the Pacific Northwest. The mission and her birth were two events which inspired families to follow.

In the winter of 1842-43, Dr. Whitman rode in a desperate journey to the east to save the missions from closure. On his return to the **Oregon Country** he helped to guide the first great wagon train of emigrants to the **Columbia** River. The Whitman's mission throughout its existence was a haven for the overland traveler.

For 11 years, the Whitman's worked with the **Cayuse** Indians, bringing them Christianity, teaching them **agriculture** and treating their diseases. Then, in a time of troubles when two opposing forces failed to understand each other, the **mission** effort ended in violence. The lives of the Whitman's were an example of selflessness, perseverance, and dedication to a cause. The missions represented one aspect of American expansion into the vast, lands of the **Pacific Northwest**.

Word Search

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L A P W A I E M L P A U A O R S A P
L P E H S W N E U Z R N C T Y V R I
N S G T P I R O M U U T N I P N A T
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N Z N O R L S A I A G A R R G G A I
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N L S C R A A A R S C O A T O N A S
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E G G I T G I M E O M R A G I S I I
C N T C G R N I R N A U T E O E H B
N E S A D A G C U I E V L R E O U G
S I E P A Y E E N C A G G O O R S L
U G N L I N A M T I H W S U C R A M

More Answers:

Plant and Animal Word Scrambles

Plants:

atger bisna elirwdy	great basin wildrye
etwgarhsas	wheatgrass
Lueb errerbydel	blue elderberry
lwwoil	willow
dwonottcoo	cottonwood
ldwi odwgodo	wild dogwood
ldawinb lpaep	baldwin apple
barkclreyb	blackberry

Animals:

dere esomu	deer mouse
otnnaem ovel	montane vole
opetkc phorge	pocket gopher
wtheiiealtd eder	whitetailed deer
ndorgu elriqur	ground squirrel
aadnca gsoeo	Canada goose
edr eatdli kwha	red tailed hawk
grhepo naeks	gopher snake
ccafipi oefergt	pacific treefrog
ptiadne tertul	painted turtle

What Or Who Am I?

Dr. Marcus Whitman
The Cayuse Indians
The Oregon Trail
Oregon Country
Whitmans Mission National Historic Site

People of Whitman Mission National Historic Site

1. **W** illiam Gray
2. Orp **H** ans
3. Ch **I** ldren
4. Fur **T** rappers
5. Whit **M** ans
6. **C A** yuse
7. Missio **N** aries

8. **E M** igrants
9. Mounta **I** n Men
10. Trader **S**
11. **S** paldings
12. Art **I** sts
13. Expl **O** rers
14. **I N** dians

Congratulations

This is to certify that

Is now an Official Junior Ranger at

*Whitman Mission
National Historic Site*



Ranger Signature

Junior Ranger Signature