

## Suggested Resources for Pioneer Tours Grade 3

**Dakota Pathways** has many resources for Pioneer Units

<http://www.dakotapathways.org>

**The Great Dakota Boom**—concise history of settling of the “last frontier”

[http://www.exploretheoldwest.com/the\\_great\\_dakota\\_boom.htm](http://www.exploretheoldwest.com/the_great_dakota_boom.htm)

**Pioneers on the Trail**—Issues of 1840-1860 migrations. Migrations to Dakota’s “last frontier” came 40 years later, driven by the railroads and hunger for land by new immigrants.

[http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/active\\_learning/explorations/children\\_westward/pioneersonthetrail\\_grades4-6.pdf](http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/active_learning/explorations/children_westward/pioneersonthetrail_grades4-6.pdf)

**The Homestead Act encouraged settlers to move to the Great Plains**

<http://www.nps.gov/home/learn/historyculture/abouthomesteadactlaw.htm>

**New Perspectives on the West: Frederick Jackson Turner (1861-1932)**

[http://www.pbs.org/weta/thewest/people/s\\_z/turner.htm](http://www.pbs.org/weta/thewest/people/s_z/turner.htm)

**The Significance of the Frontier in American History** 1893

<http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/pds/gilded/empire/text1/turner.pdf>

### The Last Frontier

*“...between 1866 and 1888, some six million head of cattle were driven up from Texas to winter on the high plains of Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. The cattle boom reached its height in 1885, when the range became too heavily pastured to support the long drive, and was beginning to be crisscrossed by railroads. Not far behind the rancher creaked the covered wagons of the farmers bringing their families, their draft horses, cows and pigs. Under the Homestead Act they staked their claims and fenced them with a new invention, barbed wire. Ranchers were ousted from lands they had roamed without legal title. Soon the romantic "Wild West" had ceased to be.”*

<http://www.let.rug.nl/usa/outlines/history-1994/growth-and-transformation/the-last-frontier.php>

### Books

Little House on the Prairie books by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Jumping-Off Place by Marian Hurd McNeely

How We Crossed the West: The Adventures of Lewis and Clark by Rosalyn Schanzer

The Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz

Cabin in the Snow by Deborah Hopkinson.

Tucket’s Travels by Gary Paulsen

Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography by Laura Ingalls Wilder (author). Pamela Smith Hill (editor).

Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Writer's Life by Pamela Smith Hill

Westward Expansion (True Books) by Teresa Domnauer

Life in the West (True Books: American History) by Teresa Domnauer

Boss of the Plains, Hat That Won the West by Laurie Carlson

Orphan Trains: An Interactive History by Elizabeth Raum

The Journal Of Joshua Loper, A Black Cowboy by Walter Dean Myers