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# John C. Fremont

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# Early Years

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The famous John C. Fremont was the most important person associated with the Oregon Trail. His nickname was the pathfinder, due to his **expeditions** to the west. Fremont was important to the Oregon Trail because he was the the man to map the trail in detail.

Because of John's reports, many pioneers decided to go west and make a living in the new frontier.



# College And Growing Up

John C. Fremont was born in Savannah, Georgia on January 21, 1813. He was the son of Charles Fremont. His father was a French immigrant , forced to leave his own country. Charles came to America so he wouldn't be kicked out of the country again.

John C. Fremont went to the college of Charleston before getting expelled three months short of graduation because he wasn't paying attention to his studies. John kept a civilian post as a math teacher to midshipmen. In 1836 he found himself assisting the surveys of the projected Charleston and Cincinnati railroad in Cherokee county. In 1838 he was commissioned to second lieutenant in the United States Corps of [Topographical Engineers](#). He was assigned to assist a french scientist Joseph Nicollet on a two year reconnaissance in the Minnesota country.

Fremont quickly learned a great amount of information about science and very [sophisticated](#) ways of [geodetic](#) quizzes as well as how to organize and control an expedition. The alliance was extremely valuable to prove John was good enough to get a raise.

When the two returned to Washington to work on the map and surveys John met his future wife, Jessie

Gallery 1.1



Joseph Nicollet



# Meeting People

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Jessie was a talented young lady and the daughter of Senator Thomas Hart Benton. Jessie was also important to the expeditions because she was an excellent writer. Many



people think that it was due to her efforts that the reports were written. Jessie went along on all of John's expeditions to help during the hard times crossing rivers and keeping the cattle in a group.



## REVIEW 2.1

### Question 1 of 2

Who was Jessie's dad?

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- ☐ A. Joseph Nicollet
- ☒ B. Thomas Hart Benton
- ☐ C. John Fremont
- ☐ D. Abraham Lincoln



Check Answer





During the next ten to twelve years, John led five journeys to the west. On the first journey he surveyed the Platte River all the way up to the Head of the **Sweetwater River**. On the second, for fourteen months duration he made a circuit of the entire west. He let his rubber boat drift, examining the great Salt Lake. On the way back he examined the Utah lake. The third expedition took him through the Salt Lake Desert and also led him to California. While he was in California he went to court because he was not obeying his orders. This ended his government sponsored **explorations**. While Fremont was in California he also was the first to declare the San Francisco Bay as the Golden Gate to the Pacific Ocean. He published his

name of the strait. And years later when the construction of the bridge began the name stuck.

The fourth exploration was in winter. The exploration was an intention to find a railroad route that became buried in the snow of the San Juan mountains of Colorado. The fifth and final expedition also had a railroad goal. It was saved from a disaster by the Mormons of Parowan.

John C Fremont's reports were very much like an adventure story. His writing was so fluent he could have published his report. When people read his report they might have thought that he was a professional writer, writing an amusing tall tale.

Many historians believe that Jessie helped him write the official reports.

*"We reached the ford of the Kansas River late in the afternoon. I had expected to find the river fordable, but it had been swollen by the late rains and had been sweeping by with an angry current, yellow and turbid." -A report of Fremont reaching the Kansas River.*

Because of John's reports, all of the settlers came to know what we call Nebraska and Kansas. Fremont's reports were so detailed that instantly after the settlers read his report of the west, they decided, *"Hey I would like to go to the west and be a pioneer!"*



Here is an excerpt  
from John's  
original journal entry:

Cincinnati, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Dear Joe  
I know you  
will forgive me, this long  
delay in answering your  
letters; if you know me  
better you would not  
wonder at it, as I  
don't myself of any  
excuse to get rid of  
writing, no matter how  
I may long to hear from  
the person to whom I  
have to write, and I  
confess I should like  
to hear from you every  
day. I received your  
photograph, a thousand  
thanks, I think it very  
good, I believe you

**MOVIE 3.1** Click below to meet  
John C. Fremont.





If you would like to see where John C. Fremont traveled to click on the link below.

[http://www.nebraskastudies.org/0400/frameset\\_re set.html?http://www.nebraskastudies.org/0400/stories/0401\\_0112.html](http://www.nebraskastudies.org/0400/frameset_re set.html?http://www.nebraskastudies.org/0400/stories/0401_0112.html)

### **GALLERY 3.1   The Expeditions   101**



**Train buried in snow**

# Death



Early in the Civil War President, Abraham Lincoln gave Fremont command of the Union Army's western department. Yet one hundred days later, he decided to remove him because Fremont foolishly ordered property held by Missouri rebels to be taken and their slaves freed.

Fremont then served as Arizona territory's governor from 1878 to 1881 but most of his post-civil war career was consumed by **speculative** activities in the western mines, land, and also railroads. He died in **virtual poverty** in New York City on July 13, 1890.



# Celebration and Remembrance

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Today John C Fremont is a historical leader whom many citizens admire. They celebrate a day in his honor to remember his bravery on his expeditions to the west. There are many portraits, cities and statues to remember this historical figure in the history of the United States.

John C. Fremont days are celebrated and held in Fremont, Nebraska. Every year in the middle of July, there are many events including clogging, three on three basketball tournaments. The assortment of the treats at the festival are funnel cakes and hot dogs, lemonade and corn-dogs. When

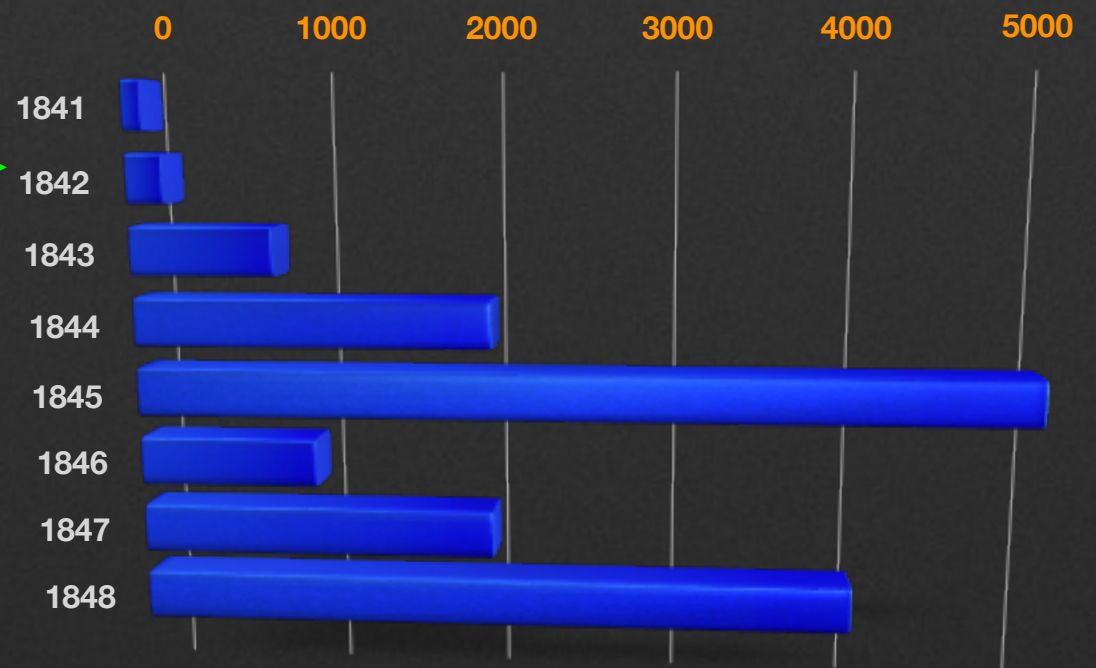
the festival is over, most people head home and wait for next year's John C. Fremont Days festival. The people who go to the festival will indeed remember this important man.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/jan31.html>

Click here to see the words of a song written for Fremont's presidential campaign.



John's report is published. →



Population of Pioneers Heading West

#### REVIEW 4.1

##### Question 1 of 2

What are the days called when people gather to celebrate John C. Fremont?

- ☐ A. Cartographer Days
- ☒ B. John C. Fremont Days.
- ☐ C. Pathfinder Days.



Check Answer



This chart is of the population of people going west



## REVIEW 4.2 End of Book Quiz

### Question 1 of 5

How many Expeditions did John have?

- ☐ A. 3
- ☐ B. 4
- ☒ C. 5
- ☐ D. Other



Check Answer



I  
would  
like to  
dedicate  
this Ebook to my H.A.L.  
teacher Mrs. Brookhouser for  
supporting me and helping  
come up with my ideas  
and research.

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Picture of Statue of John Fremont <http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/>

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# Geodesy

geodesy |jē'ädəsē|

noun

the branch of mathematics dealing with the shape and area of the earth and large portions of it.

geodesist |-sist | noun

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# Expeditions

expedition

noun

1 a journey or voyage undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose, esp. that of exploration, scientific research, or war: an expedition into the jungles of the Orinoco.

- the people involved in such a journey or voyage: many of the expedition members have passed rigorous courses.

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# Exploration

exploration

noun

the action of traveling in or through an unfamiliar area in order to learn more about it: voyages of exploration | an exploration of the African interior

• thorough analysis of a subject or theme: an exploration of the religious dimensions of our lives.

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# Fordable

ford |fôrd|

noun

a shallow place in a river or stream allowing one to walk or drive across

verb [ with obj. ]

(of a person or vehicle) cross (a river or stream) at a shallow place.

## DERIVATIVES

fordable adjective,

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# Geodetic

geodetic |jēə'detik|

adjective

of or relating to geodesy, esp. as applied to land surveying.

ORIGIN late 17th cent.: from Greek geōdaitēs ‘land surveyor,’ from  
(see geodesy) .

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# Sophisticated

sophisticated |sə'fisti,kātid|

adjective

(of a machine, system, or technique) developed to a high degree of complexity: highly sophisticated computer systems.

- (of a person or their thoughts, reactions, and understanding) aware of and able to interpret complex issues; subtle: discussion and reflection are necessary for a sophisticated response to a text.
- having, revealing, or proceeding from a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of fashion and culture: a chic, sophisticated woman | a young man with sophisticated tastes.

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# Speculative

speculative

adjective

1 engaged in, expressing, or based on conjecture rather than knowledge.  
discussion of the question is largely speculative.

2 (of an investment) involving a high risk of loss.

3 (of a business venture) undertaken on the chance of success, without a  
preexisting contract.

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# Sweetwater River

The Sweetwater River is a 238-mile (383 km) long tributary of the Platte River, in the U.S. state of Wyoming.

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# Topographical

topographical

adjective

1 of or relating to the arrangement or accurate representation of the features of an area: the topographical features of the river valley.

2 (of a work of art or an artist) dealing with or depicting places (especially buildings, and natural prospects in a realistic and detailed manner

3 Anatomy & Biology relating to or representing the physical distribution of parts or features on the surface of or within an organ or organism.

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# Virtual poverty

virtual poverty

noun

1 the state of being extremely poor: thousands of families are living poverty.

2 the state of being inferior in quality or insufficient in amount: the of her imagination.

3 the renunciation of the right to individual ownership of property a religious vow.

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