Comparing and Contrasting the Trails to the West

Answer this question for each pair of trails:
How was the ________ Trail both similar to and different from the ________ Trail?

Remember to consider these things:
- What general reason was the trail used for?
- What specific things did pioneers do when they reached their destination?
- What type of people used each specific trail?
- Did people generally take one-way trips on the trail or round-trips?

1. The Santa Fe Trail and the Oregon Trail

The trails were similar because the people that traveled on those trails did so for economic reasons.

The trails are different because the people that traveled on the Santa Fe Trail were mostly individual male traders that continued to travel back and forth between Santa Fe and America to buy and sell American factory goods, while the people that traveled on the Oregon Trail were mostly families that wanted to settle down on farms in Oregon.

2. The Mormon Trail and the California Trail

The trails were similar because the people that took each of these trails settled down for an extended period of time.

The trails are different because the people that traveled on the Mormon Trail did so were mostly families who settled in Utah for the social reason of being able to have freedom to practice their religion, while the people that traveled on the California Trail were mostly young men who did so for the economic reason of getting rich by finding gold.

3. The Santa Fe Trail and the Mormon Trail

The trails were NOT similar!

The trails are different because the people that traveled on the Santa Fe Trail were mostly individual male traders that continued to travel back and forth between Santa Fe and America to buy and sell American factory goods for economic gain, while the people that traveled on the Mormon Trail were mostly families who settled in Utah for the social reason of being able to have freedom to practice their religion.
4. The Oregon Trail and the California Trail

The trails were similar because the people that traveled on those trails did so for economic reasons and they planned to settle down for an extended period of time. The trails are different because the people that traveled on the Oregon Trail were mostly families that wanted to settle down on farms in Oregon, while the people that traveled on the California Trail were mostly young men who did so for the economic reason of getting rich by finding gold.

5. The Santa Fe Trail and the California Trail

The trails were similar because the people that traveled on those trails were mostly men who did so for economic reasons.

The trails are different because the people that traveled on the Santa Fe Trail to travel back and forth between Santa Fe and America to buy and sell American factory goods, while the people that traveled on the California Trail stayed in California for a long while to find gold.

6. The Oregon Trail and the Mormon Trail

The trails were similar because it was mostly families that took each of these trails and they planned to settle down for an extended period of time.

The trails are different because the people that traveled on the Oregon Trail were searching for economic gain by settling down on farms in Oregon, while the people that traveled on the Mormon Trail settled in Utah for the social reason of being able to have freedom to practice their religion.

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