

Music of the Westward Expansion Newsletter Checklist

Names: _____

Y or N	CONTENT
	Our newsletter effectively summarizes important information.
	We included the five criteria listed in this checklist's "Background of Music" section.
	We used a template to organize our thoughts.
	Our information is correct.
	All of our sources are cited.
	We listened to suggestions from a teacher or a friend.

Y or N	BACKGROUND OF MUSIC
	We show how music expresses the pioneers' way of life.
	We explain why some song lyrics are exaggerated tall tales.
	We explain how these songs could be based on actual persons.
	We describe the musical instruments that were commonly used and where they came from.
	We demonstrate how music inspires and motivates people.

Y or N	LAYOUT DESIGN
	Our newsletter is easy to read.
	All newsletter space is used well.
	We include graphics or illustrations to enhance our story.

Y or N	MECHANICS AND SPELLING
	Words are spelled correctly, and all text is grammatically correct.
	We have proofread the newsletter and asked two other people to check it.

Y or N	RESOURCES
	We used books, magazines, or the computer to find information.

Y or N	TECHNOLOGY
	We took turns navigating on the computer (such as using the mouse, typing, and inserting graphics and photos)
	We completed research on the Internet using the online encyclopedia and visited recommended Web sites.
	We remembered to save our work to the desktop folder.