

Buffalo Trace Education Box Lesson 14

Traveling the Buffalo Trace: Wrap-Up Review Game

Purpose: A student from each team (herd) travels around a classroom-sized Buffalo Trace board game, composed of colored squares. Students review knowledge of the bison and trace.

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Subject Areas: Social Studies, Life Science

Materials Needed: 20 Sheets of construction paper in four colors, five of each color (such as red, blue, yellow and green in 8 1/2 x 11 sheets), 4 extra sheets (one of each color) to make a rainbow, County Place Names (8 are provided for large spaces; for small spaces, choose your county and four others), Mud Wallows signs (provided), Wabash River sign as the Start (provided), Ohio River sign as the Finish (provided), Traveling the Buffalo Trace Flashcards (provided are red, blue, yellow and green; you will need to make 4 copies and cut into cards), Mud Wallows Flashcards (provided; choose two or as many as you would like to use), Traveling the Buffalo Trace Questions and Answers (provided), students divided into teams (herds) of 3 or more, white board/marker/eraser for each team, a one-minute timer.

Setup for the Buffalo Trace Game Board:

1. Starting with the Wabash River, create a curved “trace” by spreading out the construction paper onto the classroom floor or other area. Keep the color pattern the same.
2. Choose places along the trace to insert the County Place Names and Mud Wallows (which will mean the bison is stuck in the mud and will lose a turn).
3. Be sure to finish with the rainbow that you created and the Ohio River.
4. Shuffle the Buffalo Trace Flashcards, County Flashcards (corresponds to the County Place Names) and Mud Wallows Flashcards into one pile. As teams answer questions, you will use the flashcards to determine the movement of each herd.

Setup for the Teams (Herds):

1. Divide into herds of 3 or more (making five teams for a class of 25 is a good size). Number the herds.
2. Each herd chooses one student to be the “bison playing piece.” That student moves around the trace (game board), but cannot help the herd with the questions or answers.
3. Each herd needs a whiteboard/marker/eraser. The herd will switch roles of writer during the game.

Movement:

1. Have all the students who are the “bison playing pieces” line up at start in order of their herd number.
2. The teacher reads a Buffalo Trace Question to everyone. Each team will have one minute to write an answer on the whiteboard. When time is up, all the teams reveal their answers by holding up the whiteboards.
3. If a team has the correct answer, the “bison playing piece” will move according to the flashcard (next colored space or County Name or Mud Wallows). Remember: The Mud Wallows is lose the next turn.
4. If a team does not have the correct answer, the “bison playing piece” stays in the same spot.
5. Play continues until a bison reaches the rainbow space at the Ohio River.

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Resources:

- For variations of this game, go to [hasbro.com](https://www.hasbro.com).
- The flashcards were prepared from [kitzkikz.com](https://www.kitzkikz.com) free flashcard maker.
- For other wrap-up review games for the classroom, read the article from Scholastic Teacher Magazine by Natalie Lorenzi, found on [scholastic.com](https://www.scholastic.com). This review game came from a Candyland idea from Mandi McKibben (Illinois).
- For a fun start and end to the Wrap-up Game, play the Buffalo Trace music or sing the song (by Charles Moman).

Muddy
Wallows --
Lose a turn

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Clark County

Floyd County

Harrison County

Orange County

Crawford County

Dubois County

Pike County

Knox County

Wabash River

Ohio River

Muddy Wallows

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Muddy Wallows

Bison or
Buffalo? Horns
are sharp and
small.

Bison

Bison or
Buffalo?
Thick beard.

Bison

Bison or
Buffalo? Native
to Asia and
Africa.

Buffalo

Bison or
Buffalo?
Large hump.

Bison

How many
parts does a
bison's
stomach have?

4

What do
bison chew
while resting?

cud

What do bison
use to wrap
around grass
when eating?

tongue

About how
many gallons of
water do bison
drink in a day?

10-12
gallons

Which bison
part? Boiled
to make glue

hoof

Which bison
part? For
necklaces

teeth

Which bison
part? Thread,
bowstrings

sinews

Which bison
part? Runners
for sleds

ribs

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True or False?
Wallows can be
15 feet wide.

True

True or False?
The Buffalo Trace
is also called the
Vincennes Trace.

True

True or False?
George Rogers
Clark marched
1000 men over the
Trace.

True

True or False? In
1804 the Trace
was used to make
an Indian treaty
line.

True

red

red

blue

blue

yellow

yellow

green

green

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