

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE FOR THE OREGON TRAIL GAME:

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ISSUES THAT HAVE DEVELOPED AS PEOPLE ARE PLAYING THE OREGON TRAIL GAME. BEFORE EMAILING ME, PLEASE ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM BY USING THE FOLLOWING METHODS. THESE ARE METHODS THAT YOUR CLASSMATES AND I HAVE FOUND TO WORK.

ISSUE #1: THE GAME SAYS IT IS BLOCKED

You may see a screen like this image, and that usually means PCS is probably hijacking your browser and filtering your content like it would at school. If you see in the image below, the student is on Canvas, Clever, NCEdCloud, Google Classroom, and Google Docs. To log in to all of these, the student had to use the PCS email address. So, when trying to access the game it thinks the school is in charge.

Internet Access Violation

Web Site
https://www.retrogames.cz/play_687-DOS.php?language=EN

Classification
Online and Other Games

Reason
Not allowed to browse Online and Other Games category

User
[\[redacted\]](#)@students.pittschools.org

Pitt County Schools Internet use policy prohibits you from accessing this site due to its classification. Your attempt to access this prohibited site has been recorded in the district's Internet access records.

Click [HERE](#) to see the Pitt County Schools Internet Acceptable Use policy.

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FIX:

1. Write down on a piece of paper the website address for the game. You have to do this because you will get blocked again if you go to the Hyperdoc again.
2. Log out of every window where you tried to access Gmail, Canvas, EdCloud, Google Classroom, etc...(sites through Pitt County Schools), including Google Classroom and the HyperDoc.
3. You must make sure you are not logged into Google with your school ID. If you are using a chromebook, you need to log out of the chromebook entirely and log back in with your personal Gmail account.
4. Open a new window (not a new tab), an Incognito window would be even better.
5. Enter one of the website addresses again. If you forgot to write them down, you can get them from my website. www.attardisocialstudies.weebly.com

ISSUE #2: THE LINK ISN'T BLOCKED BY ZSCALER/PCS, BUT STILL WON'T WORK:

FIX: Try a different version of the game. These are located on the directions sheet, task 5, that is in your hyperdoc.

DOS [The Oregon Trail Deluxe](#)

COMMODORE 64 [The Oregon Trail](#)

MAC OS 7.X [The Oregon Trail](#)

WINDOWS 3.X [The Oregon Trail](#)

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ISSUE # 3: EVERYONE KEEPS DYING AND I CAN'T MAKE IT TO OREGON:

FIXES:

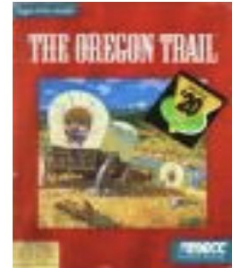
1. Look at the directions.

*They tell you how to win.

*These are located on the directions sheet, task 5, that is in your hyperdoc.

How to play The Oregon Trail

The Oregon Trail uses the keyboard keys.



The Oregon Trail Description

- The original game was designed to teach school children about the realities of 19th century pioneer life on the Oregon Trail.
- The player assumes the role of a wagon leader guiding his party of settlers from Independence, Missouri, to Oregon's Willamette Valley over the Oregon Trail via a Conestoga wagon in 1848.

Hunting

- An important aspect of the game was the ability to hunt. Using guns and bullets purchased over the course of the game, players select the hunt option and hunt wild animals to add to their food reserves.
- Bison were the slowest moving targets and yielded the most food, while rabbits and squirrels were fast and offered very small amounts of food. Deer (eastern section) and elk (western section) were in the middle in terms of speed, size, and food yield; bear were between bison and deer in all three properties.
- While the amount of wild game shot during a hunting excursion is limited by only the player's supply of bullets, the maximum amount that can be carried back to the wagon is 100 pounds in early versions of the game.
- In later versions, as long as there were at least two living members of the wagon party, 200 pounds could be carried back to the wagon.
- It was extremely common for players to kill several thousand pounds worth of animals, only to waste the large majority of it. Some would consider this a realistic representation of the wild west.

Death

- Throughout the course of the game, members of your party could fall ill and die from a variety of causes, such as measles, snakebite, dysentery, typhoid, cholera, and exhaustion.
- People could also die from drowning or a broken leg.
- Your oxen were also subject to illness and death.
- When one of your party members dies, a funeral is briefly held, at which you may write a suitable tombstone epitaph, and after which you continue down the trail.

Scoring

- At the conclusion of the journey, points are awarded according to a formula weighted by the profession chosen (points are doubled for a carpenter and tripled for a farmer), the number and health of surviving family members, remaining possessions, and cash on hand.

1. Try Tips from Gen Xer that played the game before (and again this week):

- Stop and hunt as much as possible, trade for things, ask others what to do in certain situations, or spend your money to get across waterways.
- You also have to rest, sometimes you lose 2 to 3 days resting.
- Buy a ridiculous amount of food at the beginning; not a lot available later.
- REMEMBER: Wagon wheels and their parts are made of wood. You will need a couple spare parts for this.
- When you stop, check supplies, ask to hear someone's advice, hunt, then ask to trade, and then hunt again. When you trade: anticipate where are the map you are heading and PAY ATTENTION TO THE WEATHER.
- If there's an option to ask somebody what you should do, make sure you ask before you do anything else.

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- Combining all these things is what I ended up doing to win.

ISSUE # 4: I CAN'T GET THE SCREENSHOT ON THE DEVICE I HAVE.

FIXES:

How to Take a Screenshot on a Computer

This is how to "screen capture" on a PC that is not a Chromebook. On this image the person has a computer with a number keypad to the right side. If you have a laptop, the print screen button may be located in another spot. On a laptop we have it is right above the BACKSPACE KEY. The key may say: "PrtScn"

- Hit the **PrtScn** button/ or **Print Scrn** button, to take a screenshot of the entire screen: When using Windows, pressing the Print Screen button (located in the top right of the keyboard) will take a screenshot of your entire screen. Hitting this button essentially copies an image of the screen to the clipboard. Where does it go? Well, you have to open Word, Paint or some other image editing program to view, edit or save the image. For example, open Word and click **Ctrl and v**. This is a shortcut instead of right-clicking the mouse and selecting paste. I



Chromebook



To take a screenshot of everything on your screen, press the following keys simultaneously:

Ctrl + Switch window

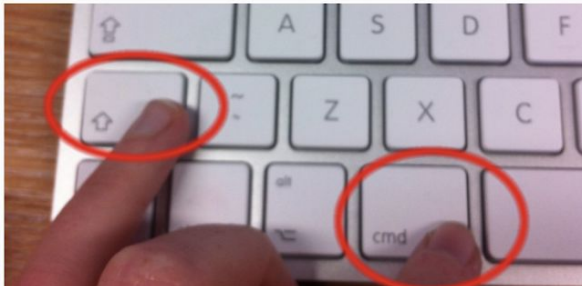
The latter button is typically located in the top row between the Full-screen and Brightness Down buttons, as shown above. It resembles a rectangle followed by two lines.

IF copying and pasting the screenshots into the Hyperdoc's pink column is giving you trouble, or maybe you are using a tablet/phone/iPad, you may want to link the screenshots to the hyperdoc.

My suggestion is to open a google document, put all of the screenshots in that, and then link the document to the Hyperdoc.

Mac

- Hit the **Command, Shift and 3** keys together to take a screenshot of the entire screen: When using Mac, pressing the Command, Shift and 3 buttons together will take a screenshot of your entire screen. This screenshot will be automatically saved to your desktop. Press the **Command, Shift and 4** keys together to take a screenshot of a selected area.



- Use the **Grab** tool to take a screenshot: An alternative to the keyboard shortcuts on Mac is to use the Grab

ISSUE # 5: I CAN'T GET ANY OF THIS TO WORK

FIXES: [CLICK HERE FOR AN ALTERNATE ASSIGNMENT:](#)