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HIGH ROCK CANYON
EMIGRANT TRAILS



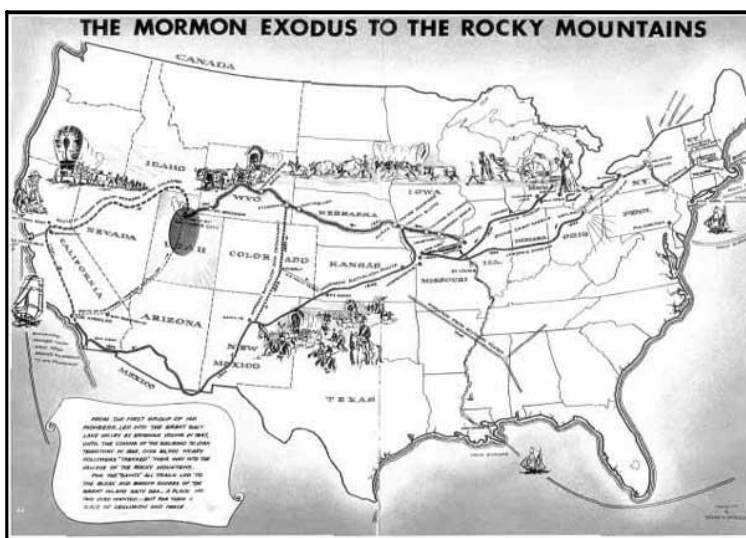
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Finding “Zion”:

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, commonly known as the Mormon Church, was formed in 1830 by a man named Joseph Smith.
- The first Mormon settlement in American was on the Mississippi River in Illinois.
- In 1844, the Church leader, Joseph Smith, was assassinated.
- A follower, Brigham Young, stepped up to become the second leader of the Mormon Church.
- Young wanted to give the Mormons the freedom from persecution to worship and live as their faith decreed.
- In 1846, Young began to organize a mass emigration from their settlement, Nauvoo, in Illinois.
- The Mormons were being persecuted because of their practice of polygamy. Polygamy is the practice of having more than one wife at a time.
- In 1847, Young led and organized the mass emigration to find “Zion”. He found what he was looking for in Salt Lake City, Utah and “Zion” was founded in July of 1847.

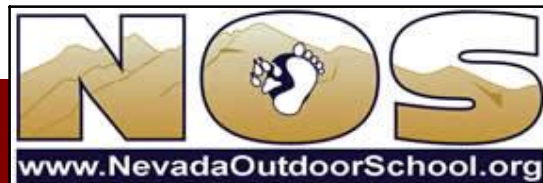


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- Young remained in Salt Lake City for the remainder of his life, where he established the city and encouraged isolation and economic self-sufficiency. He also discouraged such enterprises as mining, which might attract outsiders.



Mormons