Pioneer Day Vocabulary List

Persecution – treating others badly because of something they are or believe in. In this lesson, persecution means treating others badly because of their religion.

Commemorate – to celebrate something, to honor and show respect for something.

Oral History – the practice of passing down historical events through spoken stories.

Artifact Evidence – creating theories about what happened in the past based on what objects have been found from their civilizations.

Pioneered – to develop, invent, or be the first to create something.

Transcontinental Railroad – a railroad that started in both the Eastern and Western United States and met in the middle in Brigham City, UT, 1869.

Archive – a collection of historical documents that provide information about a specific topic.