

# *The* **ARCHWAY**

*Kearney, Nebraska*

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## **Reenactments**

You can add an educational reenactment to your tour for \$2/student/program.  
Each reenactment lasts for about 15 minutes.

**Meet a Wagon Master** – The Wagon Mast led groups of pioneers on their journeys across the Oregon Trail. Typically, a wagon train would travel a total of 10 miles per day and a cross country trip could take as many as 5-6 months. Before the trip began, the Wagon Master worked with the pioneers to make sure they would have all the supplies they would need. On the trail, he helped to care for sick and wounded travelers and animals, helped to repair broken wagons, directed hunting parties to supplement the pioneers' supplies, and helped negotiate disputes among the pioneers among the pioneers in his wagon train and with other people they encountered on the trail. In this presentation, students learn about the importance of planning and grit in reaching their goals.

**Meet Willa Cather and Susan La Flesche** – Of course, Willa Cather is novelist who grew up in Red Cloud, Nebraska, and became famous for her stories about frontier life including *O Pioneers!*, *The Song of the Lark*, and *My Antonia*. Susan La Flesche, a contemporary of Cather's, is widely acknowledged as the Native American to earn a medical degree. She was a dedicated advocate for the health and fair treatment of Omaha Native Americans. In this presentation, Cather and La Flesche discuss growing up in Nebraska and the challenges and obstacles they overcame to achieve their success.

**Meet Charlotte Trudeau** – In the 1840s, tuberculosis sufferers, or consumptives joined the migration westward. It was thought that the pure Western air would help to make them strong and well again. In this presentation, students will meet the daughter of Dr. Edward Trudeau, a pioneer in the study of tuberculosis who advocated access to fresh air, exercise and healthy diet in the treatment of the disease.

**Meet Peggy Carter** – The Dust Bowl of the 1930s resulted in a different wave of migration, this time from the southern plains to California. Meet an "Okie" who made the move to Bakersfield, California. With personal grit and the help of a unique educational experience in the "Weedpatch Camp," Peggy became success in her new home.