Polygamy & Utah’s Struggle for Statehood

*Objective: Students will understand the problems facing Utah in the late 19th century and the process (and eventual success) of Utah’s struggle for statehood.*

1. Why would Utah want to become a state?

* Rights \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the government
* Elect their \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Pay taxes
* Receive government \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of citizenship



What Problems got in the way of Utah’s Statehood?

* **POLYGAMY**
* Size and borders of the territory
* Tensions with Native Americans
* Church and State
* Slavery (prior to the Civil War)
* Tensions with the U.S. Government- Rebellion & Military issues
* Political Parties

1. If you had to draw the boundaries for your own state, what would you make sure was inside of it? Brainstorm and think of the vital resources & geographical features you would want to make sure were part of your state.

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What does Deseret mean? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did Brigham Young propose the state of Deseret? What reasoning was there behind it?
3. Native Americans- Look at the picture on page 127 in your Utah history textbook

-Who are the different people in the cartoon?

-What is the cartoonist trying to say about each group?

-Why would this be a problem for Utah's pending statehood?

1. List 5 qualities you think every good American should have. Discuss with your partner and come up with your top 3 qualities.
2. **POLYGAMY**

Definition of polygamy: the practice of having \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wife at a time.

The Mormon church publicly announced the doctrine of plural marriage in August \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. The Mormons defended that their reason for practicing plural marriage included:

* God had commanded the reestablishment of the sacred practices of the Israelite patriarchs and kings
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Earth
* A commandment from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. How many practice polygamy?

* Mormons claimed only a small number of men were polygamous in the 1880’s.
  + Mormons insisted that only about \_\_\_\_\_\_ percent were polygamous.
* Other evidence shows most likely about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_percent were
* Marriage numbers did recede during the 1870-1880’s, because of governmental\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. How did the Edmunds-Tucker Act affect Utah?



1. If someone was caught the punishment could be the following:
   * \_\_\_\_\_\_ years in prison
   * $\_\_\_\_\_\_ Fine
   * Over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ polygamists were put in prison.
2. Stereotypes:

* Throughout the United States polygamy was viewed as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (people thought everyone in Utah was doing it)
* People heard of men having \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wives and that wives were forced to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the men.
* People began to feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and disdain towards members & Utahns.



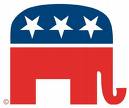
1. Journal Write: Would you be willing to share your spouse, or take a second, third, etc… Spouse? What might be some of the advantages and disadvantages? Under what circumstances, if any, would you be willing to practice polygamy? Explain. (Fill the entire space)

Watch the video: Utah’s Struggle for Statehood & Answer the below questions: #13-26

1. Who was John Taylor?
2. How was polygamy looked upon outside of Utah?
3. Why did John Taylor not obey the polygamy laws?
4. What was the Hole in the Rock?
5. What was the court case of Reynolds vs. the United States?
6. How were the Mormon’s treated after the Supreme Court decision?
7. What was the nation’s biggest social problem? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Why did the prison population grow so much?
9. How were children harassed by the federal government?
10. What was the underground?
11. Where and why did some Mormons start leaving Utah?
12. What happened on July 4th 1875?
13. What did the Edmunds Tucker act do? Why was it enacted?
14. How did the Mormon’s get public opinion changed towards the church?
15. Tensions with the U.S. Government

* “Utah War”-series of armed confrontations between Utahns & the Federal Government from May \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to July \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Not a true “war.” There were no official \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + President Buchanan heard rumors of a supposed “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” in Utah, sent Colonel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Army to put an end to it.
  + War was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Tensions eventually died down.
* Mountain Meadow’s Massacre- September \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Due to massive war hysteria & fear of outsiders, Utahns attack and kill \_\_\_\_\_\_ people in a wagon train headed West.

1. Joined National Parties

* In the Utah territory most Mormons voted the same. Why would they vote the same?
* Many Mormons lost the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because of Federal laws against polygamists.
* In order to fall in line with the rest of the nation the LDS church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it’s members to join one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* 1892: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ two party elections held in Utah
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ : Bill written to admit Utah into the Union passes in Congress

1. Manifesto

Statement made by the Mormon 1st presidency and quorum of the twelve in\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , ending any \_\_\_\_\_ polygamous marriages.

*I publicly declare that my advice to the Latter-day Saints is to refrain from contracting any marriages forbidden by the law of the land.*

-Wilford Woodruff, President of The Church

of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

1. Apply Again!

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - Delegates attend Utah Constitutional Convention
* The new constitution was put up for a vote and was accepted in a vote of 31,305 to 7,687.

1. Author’s of Utah’s Constitution:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Party | Age | Occupation | Birthplace | Religion |
| 59 Republicans  48  Democrats | 24-76 | 28 Farmers & Ranchers  15 Lawyers  13 Merchants  8 Mining Businessmen  6 Educators  5 Churchmen  4 Newspapermen  3 Bankers  3 Builders  Others, including a Photographer, a blacksmith, a clerk, a mason, a brewer and a druggist. | 47 Other Territories or States  37 Foreign Countries  28 Utah Territory | 79 Mormons  2 Catholics  1 Episcopal Minister  1 Jew  1 Methodist |

Draw some conclusions. Identify what were some of the prominent jobs of those who wrote the Constitution.? What does that say about the values of Utah?

**Struggle for Statehood Timeline**

Utah first applies for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It is denied.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Congress establishes Utah \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Brigham Young is appointed the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The L.D.S. Church officially announces the practice of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, when one man is married to multiple women. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1852

“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” begins. Johnston’s federal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are sent from the east. Mountain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ massacre.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Outbreak of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the South. Johnston’s army leaves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Utah’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (the right to vote). In 1887 it is taken away until the 19th amendment allows all women to vote.

1869

Edmunds Act passes in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Polygamist arrests intensify and many husbands go into hiding.

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The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, issued by Wilford Woodruff (President of the L.D.S. Church), ended the practice of plural marriage.

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Utah becomes the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_th state!

1896