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## DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge's Visitor Center

*Activity Sheet - Upper Elementary*

### **DISPLAY AREA**

Pick a display - *Wetlands, Cottonwood Forest, or Prairie.*

1. Which display (habitat) did you chose? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Imagine if you were in this habitat,

2. List 4 sounds that you would hear?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

3. List 4 things that you might smell?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

4. What other wildlife (not seen in the display) might you find in this habitat?

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### **Striking It Rich**

1. Why are people coming to this area? \_\_\_\_\_

2. List three tools or supplies used by miners. What were they used for?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Cutting the Tall Timber**

1. Why did people need timber? \_\_\_\_\_

2. List two tools used to cut down trees. How did they work?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Bustin' the Prairie Sod**

1. What is meant by "bustin' the prairie sod"? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Draw a picture of an animal that lives in the prairie. Why does it live on the prairie?

3. Look at the map next to this display, name 1 of the 6 states that the Missouri River flows through besides Nebraska or Iowa. \_\_\_\_\_

4. How did the Missouri River help people get to Montana in 1865? \_\_\_\_\_

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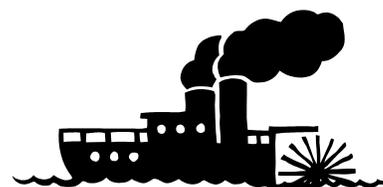
### **Towns: Making Nowhere Somewhere**

1. What do you think is in this crate? \_\_\_\_\_

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## CARGO AREA

The *Bertrand* was a steamboat used to carry cargo and people up and down the Missouri River. This cargo supplied all of the merchandise a store in Montana would sell during an entire year. Imagine the *Bertrand* as a "Wal-Mart on the water".



Find three artifacts from the cargo for each category below. For each artifact record a similarity and difference for a similar item that you would find in your home today.

### Household items and tools

Items	Similarity	Difference
1.		
2.		
3.		

### Food items

Items	Similarity	Difference
1.		
2.		
3.		

### Clothing items

Items	Similarity	Difference
1.		
2.		
3.		

If you had only one crate to bring on a riverboat trip to Montana, what would you bring?

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**OBSERVATION AREA**



1. List wildlife or evidence of wildlife (tracks and nests) you notice while looking out at the refuge. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge is a home (or habitat) for wildlife. List 4 plants or animals that you think live on the refuge.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Looking out the windows, what changes can you see that people have made to this area? List as many as you can see. Why have they made these changes?

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4. Why is DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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