

Gershom Flagg Letter Activity

Who wrote this letter?

Who was he writing to?

Where is he writing from? Spri

In the second paragraph, he describes his journey. Underline the names of all the places he passed through. Now write down the names. Don't forget to add the state to each name:

Either plot these locations on a map and connect the dots or go to:
<http://maps.google.com/> . Cut and paste the list of locations below into the map box.

troy, ny to:Schenectady, ny to:Utica, ny to:canadaigua, ny to:Rochester, ny to:Lewiston,
ny to:buffalo, ny to:erie, pa to:Meadville, pa to:mercerc, pa to:new castle, pa
to:Greensburg, Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, United States to:cadiz, oh to:cambridge, oh
to:zanesville, oh to:new lancaster, oh to:columbus, oh to:worthington, oh to:springfield,
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How many miles did he travel?

When did he start his trip?

When did he end his trip?

How many days did he travel?

How many miles did he manage per day?

How fast is that if he traveled from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.?

How long did Google Maps say it would take to make the trip today?

What does he say in paragraph 3 about what the settlers grew?

Go to Google Maps and zoom in on the terrain of Vermont. What geographical features do you see? No zoom in on the terrain of Ohio. What is missing?

In paragraph four he talks about why a farmer might move to Ohio from Vermont. Why do you think he might have moved West?

What conclusions could you make about traveling West in 1816?