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Imagine that you are a Mormon who has just been kicked out of Missouri. How would you feel? What would you say to other nonmormons about your plight?

Write a summary of your thoughts:

Utah Studies

Ch. 6.2: Their Faces Toward Hope:
Moving to Nauvoo

Now on to Nauvoo

The Mormons found refuge with the people of **Quincy, Illinois**, on the banks of the Mississippi River, and took them in during the winter. In the spring, the Mormons headed north a bit, and tried to settle in a marshy swampland.

Of course, they almost instantly got sick with malaria. But they drained the swamp, and those that survived were able to persevere. They built a beautiful town called **Nauvoo**, which meant “**the beautiful**”. For a time, it was the **largest city in Illinois!**

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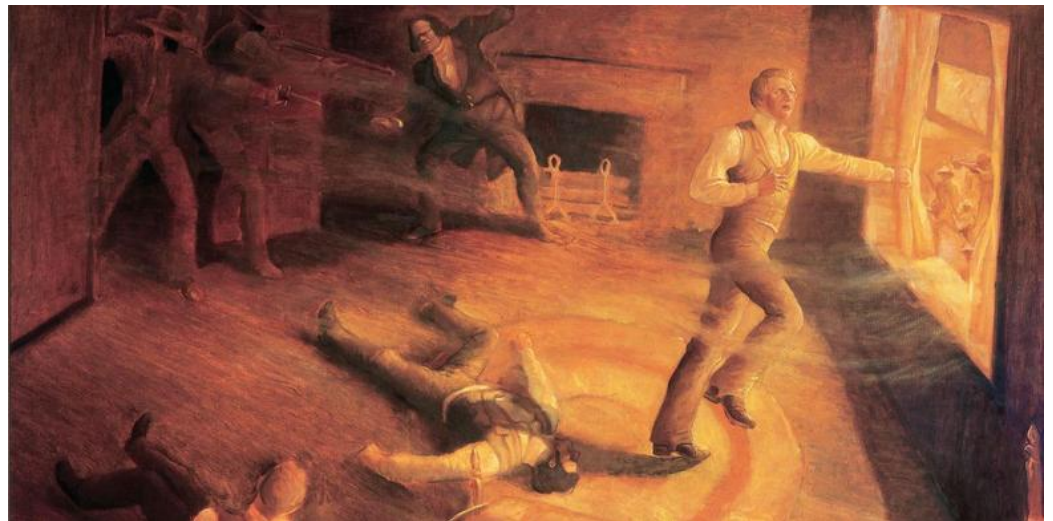
Not everything was perfect however. Settlers nearby grew uncomfortable with the large number of Mormons in Nauvoo, and some Mormons left the church, and spread rumors about Joseph Smith, such as him taking young girls to be his wives.

Conflict in Nauvoo

These ex-Mormons printed a newspaper, called the *Nauvoo Expositor*, and they used it to talk badly about the Mormons. The Nauvoo city council met, and ordered the press destroyed for **libel** (telling lies), and the press was destroyed.

Others heard about this, and they said that the Mormons were halting **freedom of speech** with their actions. Angry mobs started attacking Mormon homes and settlements. **Joseph Smith** and his brother **Hyrum** were arrested, and taken to **Carthage Jail**, to await trial. An angry mob attacked the jail. [VID](#)

After the death of these **martyrs**, the church was in crisis. About 15,000 Mormons lived in and near Nauvoo, and they felt that they had to yet again leave.

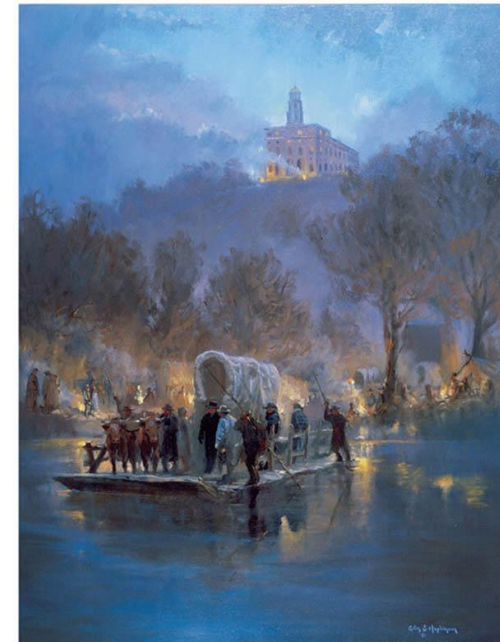


Exodus From Illinois

Brigham Young took over as the **Prophet**, or leader of the LDS / Mormon Church. He directed them to make plans to leave, to avoid further conflict and death. People started making wagons, gathering food, etc., for a long journey to escape persecution.

Young and his advisors read accounts about the west. They read **Hasting's Guide**, and others, as well as **irrigation methods** they would likely need out West. They sent men to check on several locations they might relocate to, including Utah.

In the meantime, the mobs got worse, and finally, in February, the Mississippi River **froze solid**, and about 3000 Mormons traveled along it until it started to melt again. Later, the rest of the Mormons would follow, after gathering needed supplies. Some decided they would not join the rest of the Mormons, but the vast majority had left Nauvoo by September, 1846. [VID](#)



HW: Option A: Editorial Letter

See the handout for more info...

You are a **concerned citizen** watching the **expulsion of the Mormons from Missouri**. You may be a Mormon yourself, or not, that is up to you.

Write a letter to the local newspaper (~3 paragraphs, typed / neat)

Clarify **who you are** (make sure that anyone reading the letter would be able to identify you as the author; e.g.: name, occupation, age, etc.)

Explain what your **thoughts** are on the topic. Is it something that is **good** / **bad** / **both**? Explain why.

Perhaps you, or others you may know, have **suffered** / **benefited** as a result of this issue...if so, **explain why!**

Offer up some **solutions**, and **changes** you might suggest. Explain why you feel the way you do. *Due: D4*

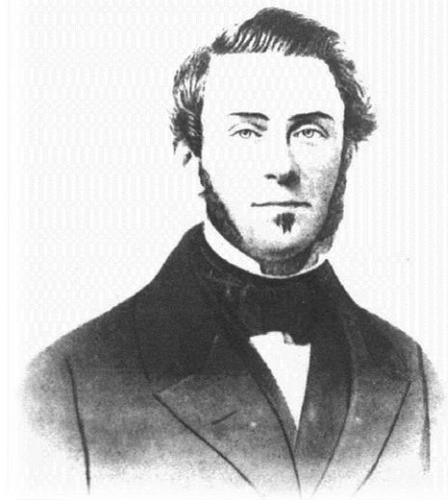
Moving West: Lots of Options

While most people were planning on taking wagons, one group of “saints” as the LDS called themselves decided to take a ship. Led by **Samuel Brannan**, they boarded the *Brooklyn*, and over 200 Mormons left New York headed for California.

After about six months of traveling by boat, including a stop in Hawaii, they arrived in July 1846 in **Yerba Buena**, later known as **San Francisco**.

People learned that **California** was no longer controlled by **Mexico**, but by the **United States**; the **Mexican-American War** was raging. Brannon went to Utah, met the Saints there, and tried to convince them to return with him to California, but Brigham Young would not. [VID](#)

Angry, **Brannan** returned to California, and the majority of the Mormons left again for Utah. Some stayed behind in California, including Brannon, and created a Mormon settlement there. He did pretty well for himself.



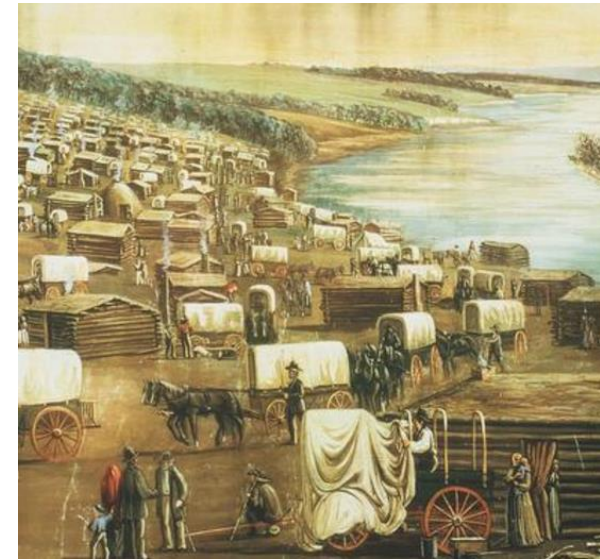
Back in Iowa

Meanwhile, the Mormons gathered, crossing Iowa in different groups at different times of the year. It was a hodge podge, and not well organized. They finally all met up in **Winter Quarters**, Nebraska, along the Missouri River.

They made over 1000 sod and log cabins, but it wasn't a great place. Disease was everywhere, and it was cold, and many people died. Most agreed that they should continue westward.

Meanwhile, the **Mexican-American War** broke out in 1846, and the Army could see that the Mormons might provide some valuable men to help fight in the war.

While somewhat reluctant (considering their treatment by other Americans), they knew that the **money** paid to the soldiers would help them buy wagons and provisions for the trip west. 500 Mormon men volunteered. [VID](#)



HW - Option B Mormon Battalion Letter

Now, it is YOUR chance to share how you might have felt about the sacrifice that was asked of the Mormon Battalion.

Write a letter, from the perspective of someone who was asked to go. Answer the following questions:

How do you feel about the government's request to serve?

Are you mad, angry, or happy with the request? Explain why:

What are you going to do? Explain why

What do you decide to do? What made you make that decision?

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HW - Option C - Mormon Mini Sagas

Throughout history there have been many examples of "sagas" or "epics"; literary works that spark the imagination, inspire, and uplift our spirits, telling us stories of real or fictional people overcoming immense odds.

A **mini-saga** is a similar form of writing, but much more condensed, that **uses 50 words exactly**. It requires **discipline** and **creativity**. For more information on what a mini-saga is, and how to create one, please visit the link provided below entitled "Mini Saga."

I recommend you visit the "Mini Saga Workshop" link as well. It will take you on a step by step on how to write a mini saga. Be prepared to have to edit your mini sagas until it is 50 words exactly.

Links: Mini-saga Intro:
<http://www.squidoo.com/minisaga>

Mini-saga Workshop:
<https://goo.gl/ivH7pK>

Using the info found in **chapter 6**, I'd like you to **create a mini saga**. See below for some suggested main topics:

Joseph Smith, Jr.

Gathering in Zion

Mormon Beliefs

Mormon Missionary Work

Missouri Mormon War

Misunderstandings & Conflicts with Mormons

Nauvoo, Illinois

Migration and Persecution

Sailing on the *Brooklyn*

Mormon Battalion

Trek Westward

Settling in Utah, etc.