**Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Story Planning Guide** (staple to your final draft)

\*\*\*You are going to write a story and create a storybook to share in class\*\*\*

1. **WHO** are the characters in your story?

You can choose 1 of the following main characters:

* Spanish Explorer
* Mountain Man
* Pioneer crossing Utah to get to California
* LDS Pioneer

Make up a name for your character: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is your character leaving behind any friends/family? What are their names? Why are they staying home?

Is your character traveling with any friends and family? What are their names?

1. **WHEN** are you traveling? What is the date? What time of year are they traveling? Does your story last for days, weeks or years?
2. **WHERE** is your character from?
3. **WHY** is your character traveling west/through Utah? Why is your character leaving his/her home?
4. **WHAT** happens in your story? List and describe 3-4 things your character will experience: (hardships, challenges, successes, encounters with different people)

1.

2.

3.

4.

1. **HOW** did your character help change Utah? Did they change it in a positive way, in a negative way, or both? What lasting impact did they have for Utah? *(be creative when rewriting this… you are writing as a person from that time so your “character/person” may guess what they think their contributions will be)*
2. Final page needs an About the Author section complete with a colored picture ☺

GRADING RUBRIC:

**4:** Addresses all 6 questions in writing plus additional, creative details; writes in complete sentences with few mistakes in grammar & punctuation; extra time and effort are clear

**3:** Addresses 5 or more of the questions in writing; writes in complete sentences with some mistakes in grammar & punctuation; time and effort are clear

**2:** Answers 4 or fewer questions in writing; writes answers in a list, some complete sentences, many mistakes in grammar & punctuation, time and effort are not totally clear

**1:** Answers 3 or fewer questions in writing, writes in a list, not many complete sentences, many mistakes in grammar & punctuation, time and effort are not shown