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I choose this territory because why have a good source of water supply. We have a river that helps us farm; and it runs right down the middle so citizens from both sides can get water. In the southwest region, my people have a lake where they also have a water supply and whatever other needs. I chose this path because when the start of the trail wasn't near a river, it was hard because upcountry has no paths but when we reached the river and followed it to our settlement, it became much easier.

Example of Land Tract/Plat:

1 inch = 1 acres

\[ 7 \times 4 = 28 \text{ acres} \]

7 acres

Saluda River

Lake Murray
Dear Journal, May 13, 1749

Hi! My name is Ashley Brayboy and me and family and two of my friends are traveling to our settlement starting near the bottom of the coast, close to Hilton head. We plan to leave today and hopefully, we have enough equipment and supplies to help us survive our journey. Our items consist of a canoe, food, 2 horses, a couple of clothing pieces and some camping material. We are set for our journey and ready for the challenges we have to face on this arguious journey!

Dear Journal May 14, 1749

This is the worst trip ever! Shama is sick and the other four crew members are either too pooped to pop or just plain exhausted. Gary and Jordan are definitely tired, they have to walk because we had two horses and they manned up and let the four women ride the horses. Too bad for me, I have to walk to since I was the most athletic and could walk a far distance of time. We traveled East and up the river but we had to stop because a storm came and we lost all our stuff. I hate this!
Dear Journal  May 15, 1749

We finally made it! It is crazy though. A man came into the yard when I was at work and stole our cabbage but something good happens, we became regulators and started some justice!
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The reason why I chose this are that it is between two townships. It was in between two rivers which made a very easy way for transportation. The journey there was a little challenging. On the way there while I was still rowing down the river just before you reach Lake Murray, a storm occurred and I was almost flipped out of my canoe. But luckily the boat got stuck between two rocks and I gathered up all my belonging and scurried to shore and began to walk on ground were I ran into a unexpected site it was an Indian around my age fighting a bear. He did kill the bear, but the bear got a good shot at him and he soon collapsed so I helped him and cleaned him all the way to my landing area. We were I got a nice fire started and a small meal served. He thanked me, then he told me his name was Johnny.
I started the journey at 12:30 Monday morning. First I packed up all of my supplies and belongings. Then I hitched up Storm to the front of the wagon and I hooked up Daisy, Winney, Pony, and Madison to the back of the wagon. Then we were off on our war out of Charles Town. We came across a river. But I was not prepared. So I stop and got out my canoe and hit storm so that he could lead the animals and the wagon to the other end of the river. As soon as I got on the river a storm started and the water started to hit the sides of the boat and then before I knew it I crashed and to my surprise I was at the end of the river, so I hoped on the wagon and we started back on the journey, but on the middle of the journey we came across a man...
Iooked native American and he was wrestling a bear. Luckily he killed the bear but the bear took a good shot at him as well. Then he collapsed and I hurried to rem and lifted him onto the wagon and when I made it to my land I cleaneded his wound and patched up his shoulder. Just my luck he helped me build my home and start my farm. So to thank him I cooked him dinner and before he left he in vited me to an Cherokee celebration. But then that night I heard storm outside so I got up a grabbed my shot gun to see what was wrong. To my surprise there was a man outside my house stealing my crops so I fired a shot in the air and he scurried away.
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My settlement has a water route through it. We choose this piece of land for 3 reasons. One reason why we choose this area was bec it wasn't owned. The second reason we choose there bec it my people and I would unseen of enemies by the tall trees and bec the trees were there we could make easy traps. Our final reason for choosing that area bec we would have a water route that ran through it. We walked through Charles town and other cities bec it was all land and we could find food easier in the woods and camp without worrying if boats get stolen.

Example of Land Tract/Plat:
Activity #2. Social Studies

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It was a hot summer day when my family and I decided it was time. I only brought along people who could do as they were told and was strong. We were anxious and afraid of coming to where we little knew was going to be our new home. This could be a scary journey.

While walking along the moist grass we discovered my wife, Mrs. Wilson, getting sick. We tried to continue our journey but it seemed like every 2 miles we walked she grew sicker and paler. I knew then that we had to stop. While watching my wife trying to hold on and keep faith, I sneaked off into the woods and discovered this green pretty leaf. I grabbed it and ran as fast as I could to my wife and made her eat it. In less than 10 min she was back babbling around. I knew she was herself again.

We then came across a clear piece of land. It was far different from the others. I knew this was it, my family and crew and I loved it, "This would be our new home", we all said. It was green, clear of other settlers and beautiful. The most beautiful land I ever seen. Because it was only my family and crew and no other settlers I was worry free of law and order. It was going to be great.
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The settlement is up to about the tip off the North. It is located on both sides of a river. Our land is surrounded with nothing but woods. We have a hill on the left side of our river that's where our house is going to be. We chose the path because it looked like the best way to the river. There we unloaded everything out the river and just carried up to where our land would be.

Example of Land Tract/Plat:
paper

The path to the Backcountry was not peaceful. When you stopped to rest or try to go to sleep you couldn't. I was one of many people who traveled with the Sims. They had 3 kids, 2 slaves, 2 visitors (me and Jane). The Sims were a family of naval store workers.

As we traveled we went through woods, up over hills. About the 2nd day of travel we hit a river. We unloaded our wagons and loaded our canoes into the water. We loaded all our personal supplies into one boat with the slaves then we tied the other canoes to the back of the first one. Will we read we slept will the 2 slaves paddled the boat. Before we took off in the river we released our horses. They took...
off like a strike of lightning. Then we heard a grrrr! We turned around and there was a bear. We jumped in the canoes and took off. We barely made it because the bear jumped right into the water right beside our canoes. Luckily we had a gun. Jane shot the bear right in between the eyes. Later when we made it into our land, Mrs. Sims collapsed and died of fright. Mrs. Sims aged but soon stopped and said, "Let's go build us a home for my husband." So we did. Soon enough around 7 days later we built a home our naval story started our crops. We soon enough had a whole farm with horses, cows, chickens, and ducks. So we're doing good right now. I'm not sure when or what's going to happen will it be the end? (I hope not!)