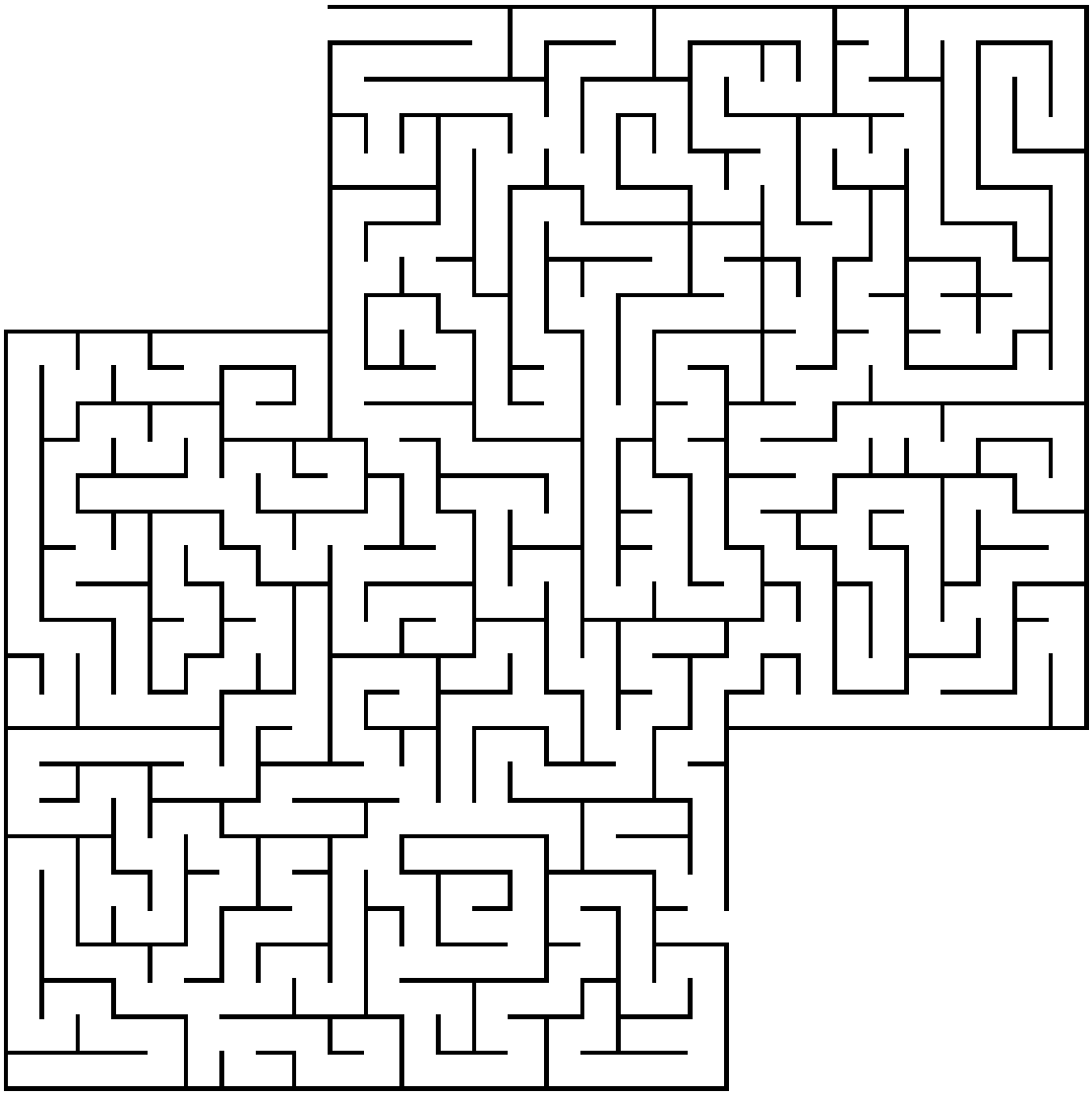
Lead the Emigrants to California!



Many wagon trains tried different **cutoffs** (short-cuts) to get to California faster. Some cutoffs shortened the overland journey, while others lengthened it. One famous cutoff is called Hasting's Cutoff, which a famous wagon train, the Donner Party traveled on. This cutoff was 180 miles longer than the original trail! Have you ever taken a short-cut that ended up being longer than you thought?