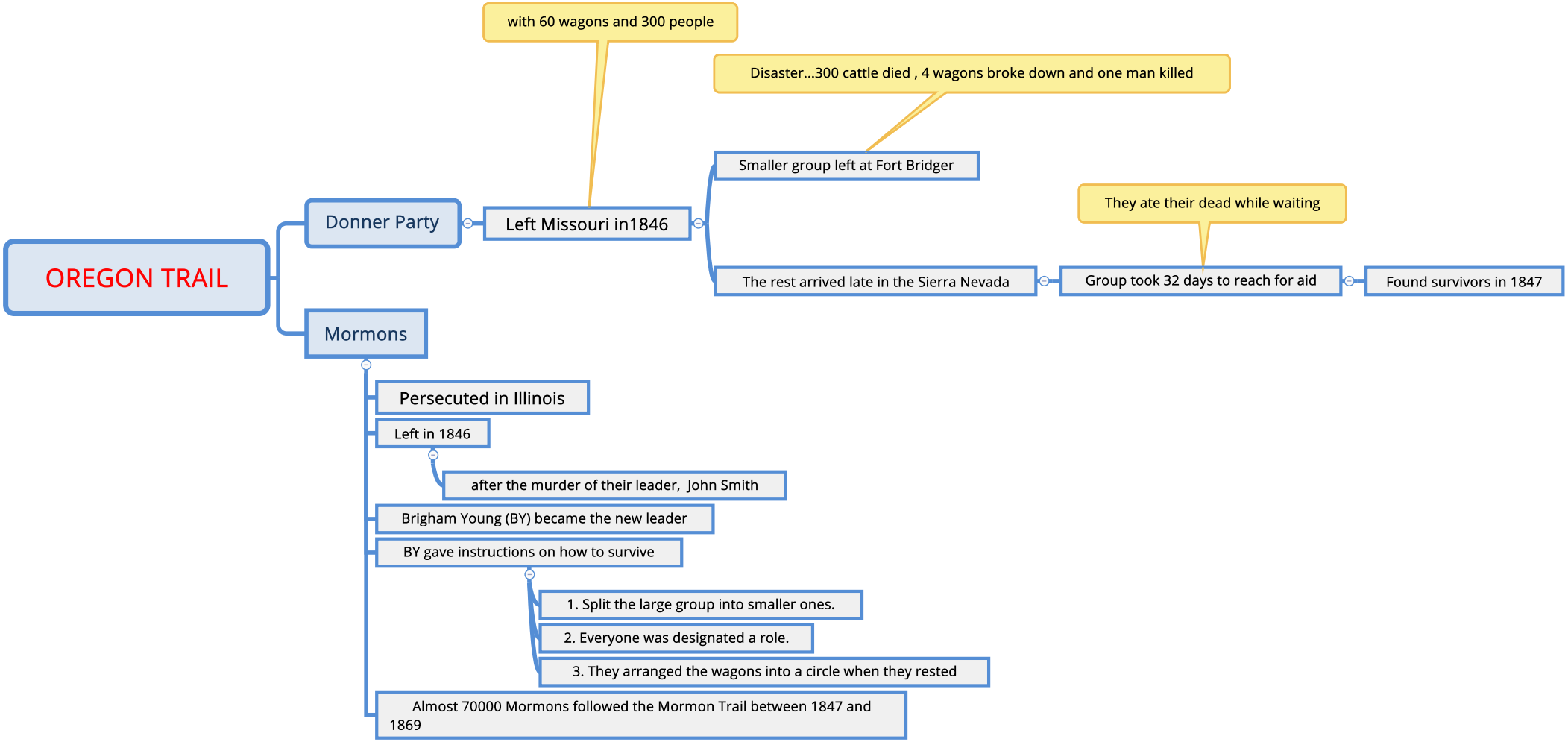
OREGON TRAIL
Donner Party
Left Missouri in1846
with 60 wagons and 300 people
Smaller group left at Fort Bridger
Disaster...300 cattle died , 4 wagons broke down and one man killed
The rest arrived late in the Sierra Nevada
Group took 32 days to reach for aid
They ate their dead while waiting
Found survivors in 1847
Mormons
Persecuted in Illinois
Left in 1846
after the murder of their leader, John Smith
Brigham Young (BY) became the new leader
BY gave instructions on how to survive
1. Split the large group into smaller ones.
2. Everyone was designated a role.
3. They arranged the wagons into a circle when they rested
Almost 70000 Mormons followed the Mormon Trail between 1847 and 1869