



Curiosity

Daniel Boone was curious about what and who else lived beyond the area he had explored in his childhood. The new country was a mystery.

The forest, wild game to hunt, freedom from social restraints, taxation and no neighbors was the life he loved. He had "elbow room" and he loved solitude or being alone. He sought adventure as an explorer.

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Why did he explore?



To find new paths

Colonist were wanting to expand and settle new lands in the west and in Kentucky. So paths needed to be cleared, trees cut down and bushes cleared. Also, land was something more valuable than material possession. Owning land symbolized independence and freedom. While he was in Ohio held captive by Indians, he noted that the land there was so good as "to exceed the soil of Kentucky, if possible, and remarkably well watered." So the dream of owning good and rich land motivated frontier men and women alike.



Give your own two reasons why he explored.

