

Need another word that means the same as “pioneer”? Find 50 synonyms and 30 related words for “pioneer” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Pioneer” are: groundbreaker, innovator, trailblazer, settler, colonist, colonizer, frontiersman, frontierswoman, explorer, discoverer, developer, pathfinder, front runner, founder, founding father, architect, experimenter, instigator, creator, initiate, open up, develop, introduce, evolve, start, begin, launch, instigate, put in place, take the initiative in, take the lead in, spearhead, institute, establish, found, give birth to, be the father of, be the mother of, originate, set in motion, create, lay the groundwork for, lead the way for, prepare the way for, lay the foundations of, settle, settle in, establish a colony in, people, populate

Pioneer as a Noun

Definitions of "Pioneer" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “pioneer” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *One the first colonists or settlers in a new territory.*
- *A member of an infantry group preparing roads or terrain for the main body of troops.*
- *Someone who helps to open up a new line of research or technology or art.*
- *A person who is among the first to research and develop a new area of knowledge or activity.*

- *A person who is among the first to explore or settle a new country or area.*
- *(in the former Soviet Union and other communist countries) a member of a children's movement that aimed to foster communist ideals.*
- *(in Ireland) a member of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, a Catholic temperance society.*
- *One of the first colonists or settlers in a new territory.*



Synonyms of "Pioneer" as a noun (19 Words)

architect

A person who is qualified to design buildings and to plan and supervise their construction.

*John was indisputably the **architect** of his own misfortune.*

colonist

A person who settles in a new colony or moves into new country.

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| colonizer | A person who settles among and establishes political control over the indigenous people of an area. <i>They are among the few indigenous groups who were never converted to Catholicism by Spanish colonizers.</i> |
| creator | Used as a name for God. <i>Water the creator of climate and weather.</i> |
| developer | Someone who develops real estate (especially someone who prepares a site for residential or commercial use). <i>I was a slow developer.</i> |
| discoverer | Someone who is the first to think of or make something. <i>Many chemical processes are named after their original discoverers.</i> |
| experimenter | A research worker who conducts experiments. <i>Early experimenters with structure and harmony.</i> |
| explorer | A person who explores a new or unfamiliar area. <i>A polar explorer.</i> |
| founder | A person who manufactures articles of cast metal; the owner or operator of a foundry. <i>An iron founder.</i> |
| founding father | Food and lodging provided in addition to money. |
| front runner | The outward appearance of a person. |
| frontiersman | A man who lives on the frontier. |
| frontierswoman | A woman who lives on the frontier. <i>A frontierswoman who can shoot scuffle and spin tall tales.</i> |
| groundbreaker | Someone who helps to open up a new line of research or technology or art. |
| innovator | Someone who helps to open up a new line of research or technology or art. <i>He was one of the great innovators in jazz.</i> |
| instigator | A person who brings about or initiates something. <i>He was not the instigator of the incident.</i> |
| pathfinder | An aircraft sent ahead to locate and mark the target area for bombing. <i>A pathfinder prospectus.</i> |
| settler | A negotiator who settles disputes. <i>The early European settlers in America were often fleeing from religious persecution.</i> |
| trailblazer | A person who is the first to do something; an innovator. <i>He was a trailblazer for many ideas that are now standard fare.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Pioneer" as a noun

- *A famous pioneer of birth control.*
- *They went west as pioneers with only the possessions they could carry with them.*



Pioneer as a Verb

Definitions of "Pioneer" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "pioneer" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Take the lead or initiative in; participate in the development of.*
- *Open up (a road or terrain) as a pioneer.*
- *Develop or be the first to use or apply (a new method, area of knowledge, or activity).*
- *Open up an area or prepare a way.*
- *Open up and explore a new area.*



Synonyms of "Pioneer" as a verb (31 Words)

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| be the father of | Have life, be alive. |
| be the mother of | Have the quality of being; (copula, used with an adjective or a predicate noun. |
| begin | Have a beginning of a temporal event. <i>It was beginning to snow.</i> |
| create | Create by artistic means. <i>Divorce created only problems for children.</i> |
| develop | Cause to grow and differentiate in ways conforming to its natural development. <i>The child developed beautifully in her new kindergarten.</i> |
| establish | Establish the validity of something as by an example explanation or experiment. <i>The two countries established diplomatic relations in 1992.</i> |
| establish a colony in | Place. |

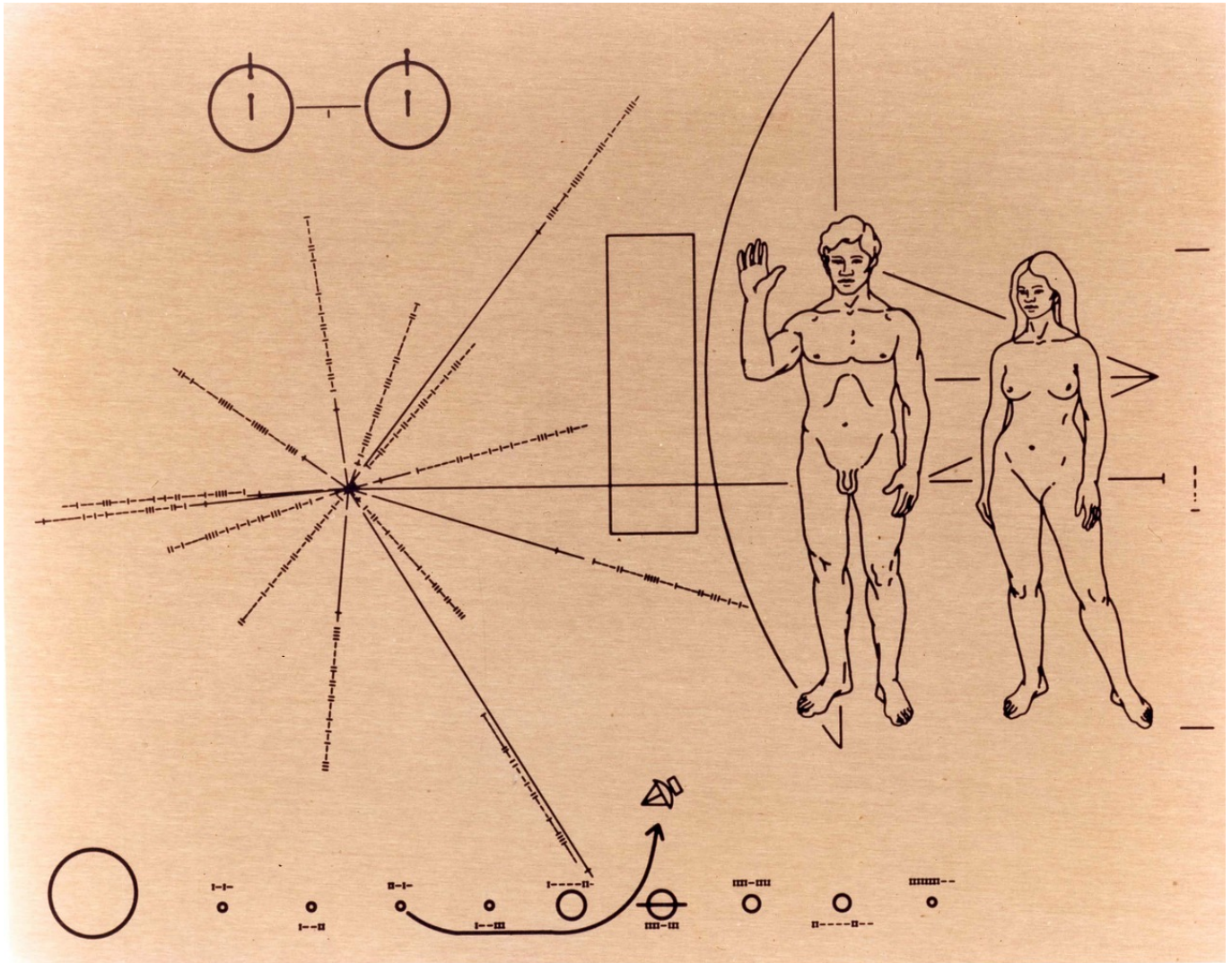
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| evolve | Work out. <i>The Gothic style evolved from the Romanesque.</i> |
| found | Set up or found. |
| give birth to | Estimate the duration or outcome of something. |
| initiate | Accept people into an exclusive society or group, usually with some rite. <i>He initiated a new program.</i> |
| <u>instigate</u> | Provoke or stir up. <i>They instigated a reign of terror.</i> |
| institute | Appoint (someone) to a position, especially as a cleric. <i>She intended to institute divorce proceedings.</i> |
| introduce | Introduce. <i>Horses and sheep introduced to the island did not survive.</i> |
| launch | Launch for the first time launch on a maiden voyage. <i>A chair was launched at him.</i> |
| lay the foundations of | Prepare or position for action or operation. |
| lay the groundwork for | Lay eggs. |
| lead the way for | Preside over. |
| open up | Display the contents of a file or start an application as on a computer. |
| <u>originate</u> | Begin a trip at a certain point, as of a plane, train, bus, etc. <i>The word originated as a marketing term.</i> |
| people | Of a group of people inhabit a place. <i>It was his intention to people the town with English colonists.</i> |
| populate | Fill in (data). <i>The film is an epic fantasy populated by grotesque weirdos.</i> |
| prepare the way for | Prepare for eating by applying heat. |
| put in place | Make an investment. |
| set in motion | Bear fruit. |
| settle | Dispose of make a financial settlement. <i>He settled into an armchair.</i> |
| settle in | Settle into a position usually on a surface or ground. |
| <u>spearhead</u> | Lead (an attack or movement). <i>He s spearheading a campaign to reduce the number of accidents at work.</i> |

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| start | Give a signal to competitors to start in a race. <i>The season starts in September.</i> |
| take the initiative in | Experience or feel or submit to. |
| take the lead in | Take as an undesirable consequence of some event or state of affairs. |



Usage Examples of "Pioneer" as a verb

- *This South African surgeon pioneered heart transplants.*
- *Pioneer space.*
- *The technique was pioneered by a Swiss doctor in the 1930s.*
- *She pioneered a graduate program for women students.*



Associations of "Pioneer" (30 Words)

begin

Have a beginning in a temporal spatial or evaluative sense.
*The number one **begins** the sequence.*

beginning

The event consisting of the start of something.
*The **beginning** of the war.*

colonist

A settler in or inhabitant of a colony.

commence

Take the first step or steps in carrying out an action.
*His design team **commenced** work.*

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| commencement | A ceremony in which degrees or diplomas are conferred on university or high-school students. A commencement address. |
| early | During an early stage. In an early stage. |
| embryonic | Relating to an embryo. The embryonic government staffed by survivors of the massacre. |
| first | The fielding position of the player on a baseball team who is stationed at first of the bases in the infield counting counterclockwise from home plate. First we must consider the garter snake. |
| frontiersman | A man who lives on the frontier. |
| germinal | Providing material for future development. A germinal idea. |
| inaugurate | Open ceremoniously or dedicate formally. He inaugurated a new policy of trade and exploration. |
| inception | An event that is a beginning; a first part or stage of subsequent events. She has been on the board since its inception two years ago. |
| inchoate | (of an offence, such as incitement or conspiracy) anticipating or preparatory to a further criminal act. A still inchoate democracy. |
| inchoative | An inchoative verb. Inchoative stages. |
| incipient | Beginning to happen or develop. We seemed more like friends than incipient lovers. |
| initial | Mark or sign a document with one's initials in order to authorize or validate it. He refused to put the initials FRS after his name. |
| initially | At first. Initially he thought the new concept was nonsense. |
| initiate | A person who has been initiated into an organization or activity. They were initiated into the mysteries of mathematics. |
| initiative | The ability to assess and initiate things independently. Use your initiative imagination and common sense. |
| launch | An act or instance of launching something. Launch a career. |

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| mount | A mounting consisting of a piece of metal as in a ring or other jewelry that holds a gem in place. <i>The engine is mounted behind the rear seats.</i> |
| oncoming | Approaching from the front; moving towards one. <i>The oncoming of age.</i> |
| onset | The beginning or early stages. <i>Early onset Alzheimer s disease.</i> |
| originate | Bring into being. <i>The flight originates in Calcutta.</i> |
| outset | The start or beginning of something. <i>A field of which he had known nothing at the outset and learned on the job.</i> |
| pacesetter | A leading instance in its field. <i>These centres are the pacesetters for the nation.</i> |
| settler | A clerk in a betting shop who calculates the winnings. <i>The early European settlers in America were often fleeing from religious persecution.</i> |
| start | The act of starting something. <i>His starting meant that the coach thought he was one of their best linemen.</i> |
| stirring | Exciting strong but not unpleasant emotions. <i>A stirring speech.</i> |
| trailblazer | Someone who marks a trail by leaving blazes on trees. <i>He was a trailblazer for many ideas that are now standard fare.</i> |

