

Pioneers



Boone County Conservation District

Dear Teacher:

Thank you for attending the Pioneer program. This packet has been developed to provide pre- or post- activities in conjunction with your trip. Below are some notes and suggestions on selected pages in the packet. We hope you will find it useful. If you have any questions, suggestions or related activities you would like to share, please call as at (815)547-7935.

Page 1 – *What would you do without?* – In the 1840's, settlers in Boone County did not have the same luxuries we have today. This activity focuses on finding an equivalent that would have been available in 1840's.

Page 2 – *Word Scramble* – Unscramble the words: wagon, kettle, cabin, plow, pioneer, Newhouse, chinking, yoke, candles, garden.

Page 3 – *What was this used for?* – Have your students use the resources available to identify the tools and their purpose: a carpenter's plane, an adze, an anvil, and a crosscut saw.

Page 4 – *Old Fashioned Recycling* – Today we are a throwaway society. In the 1840's they did not have the same luxury. They found many ways to conserve their resources. Have your students find 5 ways they can be more conservative in their own homes.

Page 5 – *Then and Now* – For this activity, have your students form groups and, using whatever resources available, create a poster comparing life in the 1840's to life today.

Pages 6 – *Pioneer Puzzler* – 1) Norway 2) 1840's 3) childbirth 4) yarn doll 5) candles 6) seeds 7) Newhouse 8) marry 9) women 10) one room school

Page 7 – *Knee Patches* – Recipe for the Knee Patches we make for lunch.

Page 8 – *Pioneer Stew* – Recipe for easy to make pioneer stew.

What would you do without?

Life was different in the 1840's. Many things we take for granted pioneers did not have. Below is a list of items that we use today. List comparable items that existed in the 1840's.

Today

Automobile

Stove/Oven

Sewing Machine

Electric lights

Grocery Store

Band-Aids

Indoor Plumbing

Cell Phones

Television

Alarm Clock

Vacuum

Dishwasher

Video Games

Air conditioning

Medicine

1840's

Covered wagon or buggy

Word Scramble

Unscramble the following words.

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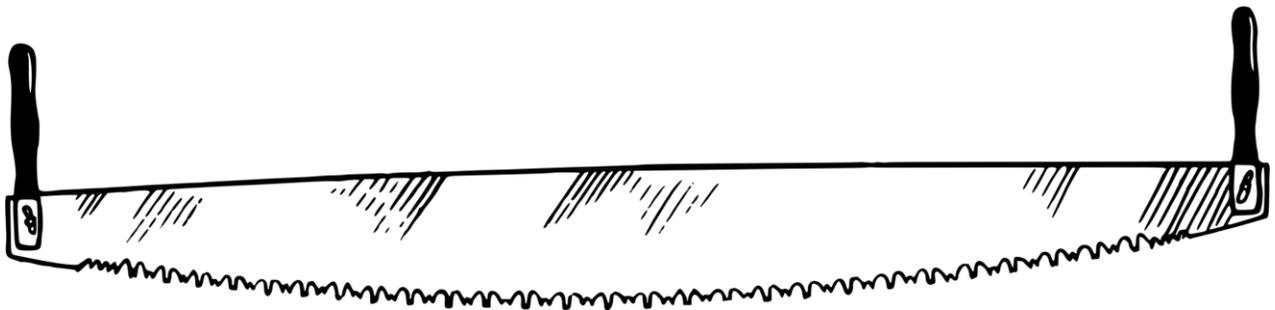
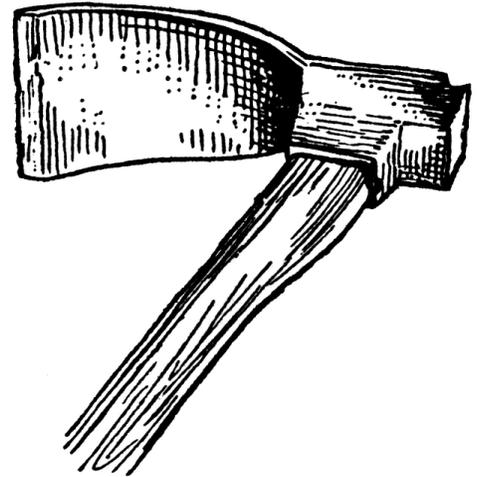
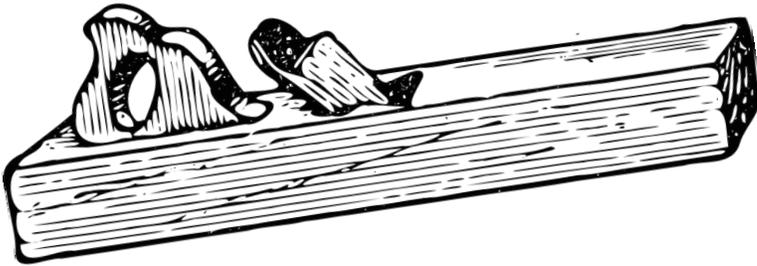
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What was this used for?

Today our tools are very sophisticated and do many things. In pioneer times tools were made by hand. Below are pictures of items the pioneers used. What are they and how were they used?



Old Fashioned Recycling

The pioneers could not just run to the store when they needed supplies. They used things over and over again. Today we are a throwaway society. List five things your family can do to conserve resources.

Example: When running a faucet to warm up water, fill a bucket with the cold water and use to feed pets or water plants.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Then and Now

Make a poster about how life was different in the 1840's.

Pioneer Puzzler

Fill in the blanks.

1. Sweden, Finland, _ _ _ _ _
2. The cabin was built in _ _ _ _ 's
3. Leading cause of death for women _ _ _ _ _
4. Type of doll _ _ _ _ _
5. Source of light _ _ _ _ _
6. Used to start a garden _ _ _ _ _
7. What family (name of family) built this cabin _ _ _ _ _
8. 12-14 year-old girls were old enough to _ _ _ _ _
9. Teachers were usually _ _ _ _ _
10. Children went to school in a _ _ _ _ _

Knee Patches

Quick quiz: Why are knee patches called knee patches?

To make knee patches, you need:

3 eggs

2 ½ cups flour

water

2 cups sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon

Directions:

Mix flour and eggs together. Add water until the mixture feels sticky, like bread dough. Cover your hands with flour, then flatten and shape the dough to the size and shape of a silver dollar. Fry in melted shortening, then coat with sugar and cinnamon. Don't make the knee patches too thick, or they will not cook all the way through.

Knee patches were a kind of bread that pioneers used for a dessert. They taste like elephant years. They are called knee patches because the pioneers used to stretch the dough over their knees to get it to the right shape.



Pioneer Stew

Below is the recipe for pioneer stew. The top recipe makes enough for 30 people. In order to make enough for a family, you need to divide the amounts by five.

Voyageur Stew for 30

12 potatoes	4 cups rice (uncooked)
10 large carrots	3 cups navy beans (presoaked)
4 large onions	2 pounds of meat (usually ham or bacon)

Pioneer Stew for 6

Divide the amounts above by 5

___ potatoes	___ cups rice (uncooked)
___ large carrots	___ cups navy beans (presoaked)
___ large onions	___ pounds of meat

Directions

Pour $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon of water into a large pot, heat on a medium heat. Rinse the vegetables and cut them into bite size pieces. Add the vegetables, beans and meat to the water and boil. Stir occasionally, add more water if needed. When beans and vegetables are soft, add rice and cook until done. Add salt and pepper to taste.