

Campus Martius Museum

Pioneer Living Workshop (Grade 3)

Description: This workshop supplements the teaching of Marietta History or U.S. History of frontier settlement following the Revolutionary War. During the program students will have the opportunity to produce a finished product to take home. **Two** skills need to be pre-selected by the teacher. The choices are: 1. Putnam House/Pioneer Food; 2. Candles; 3. Pioneer Clothing; 4. Military Defense; 5. Surveying; 6. Quilting. 7. Weaving

Note: Teachers are encouraged to visit the museum prior to their classroom's visit. Museum staff will discuss programs and answer questions during this time. There is no admission charge for teachers visiting for this purpose. Please notify the museum staff in advance.

Location: Campus Martius Museum, Marietta (Washington), Ohio

Availability: Monday through Friday
September through April, by appointment

Time Allowance: 2 hours on site

Cost: Add \$3.00 workshop fee to \$3.00 admission per student
(Includes choice of two-four activity skills)

Social Studies Standards Addressed (by Alignment of Benchmarks and Grade Level Indicators):

Grade 3: History – C3d, C3e, C3f; People in Societies – A1d, A2, B3; Geography – A2, A4, D8; Government – A1a, A1e

Science Standards Addressed (by Alignment of Benchmarks and Grade-Level Indicators):

Grade 3: Scientific Inquiry – B5

Mathematics Standards Addressed (by Grade-Level Indicators):

Grade 3: Geometry and Spatial Sense - I

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Descriptions of Skills Choose TWO of the following:

- 1. Putnam House/Pioneer Food:** Students visit the Putnam House to learn about the furnishings and discuss the Putnam family, its lifestyle, and what it was like to live in a frontier community. Students are encouraged to compare the Putnam House with their own home. They discuss drying and salting as the main means of food preservation in the early 19th century frontier community. They string green beans and take them back to the classroom for drying (leather britches) and sample beef jerky.
- 2. Candles:** Students discuss the role of light in the progress of civilization and the effect of the development of artificial light on people's lives. They learn various means of making candles and of the ingredients of candles. Students each hand dip a candle to take with them.
- 3. Pioneer clothing:** Students discover the importance of style, comfort, and adaptability in late 18th century clothing. Comparisons are made with 20th century clothing relative to color, cloth composition, and style. Students will be able to try on reproductions of 18th century frontier clothing.
- 4. Military Defense:** Students learn that although Campus Martius was a civilian fort, its male occupants kept their weapons ready for use and practiced military drills regularly. Students learn how a fort's rifle is demonstrated. Students participate with dummy guns in portions of Von Steuben's drill just as Campus Martius residents did.
- 5. Surveying:** Students learn how land was surveyed in the late 18th century, how it was developed according to the Land Ordinance of 1785, and how the original settlers obtained their land. Land settlement in this area is compared with settlement in Virginia and Kentucky. Early surveying instruments are demonstrated. Students map their own plot of land on graph paper.
- 6. Quilting:** This skill will help students learn how quilting was used in pioneer times to increase the warmth of a garment and add decoration to home and clothing. Each student will use templates for cutting material to form a quilt block. These blocks can then be used to form a classroom quilt.
- 7. Weaving:** A basic introduction on weaving brings students to an understanding of the importance of this skill during the early settlement period. Following a demonstration using a floor loom, students weave on individual hand-held looms. Participants also get an opportunity to weave on regular floor looms.

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Pioneer Living Vocabulary

Artifact - A material object of a culture such as a tool, an article of clothing, or a prepared food.

Backwoodsman - A single individual, such as a frontiersman or an explorer, living in the wilderness.

Barter - The trade of goods and services for other goods and services without the use of money.

Butter Churn - A wooden container for making butter by hand

Chamber Pot - A portable container kept in a room and used as a toilet

Democracy - A system of government in which political control is exercised by all the people, either directly or through their elected representatives.

Entrepreneur - An individual who organizes the use of productive resources to produce goods or services.

Felling Axe - A tool for cutting down trees

Goods - Objects that are capable of satisfying people's wants.

Natural Resources - A productive resource supplied by nature (e.g., ores, trees, arable land).

Primary Source - An account of an event by someone who was present at the event.

Scarcity - The lack of sufficient resources to produce all the goods and services that people require

Settlement - A group of settlers living in close contact

Settler - A person who moves to a new place to make a permanent home

Smokehouse - A building for preserving meat with smoke

Stockade - An enclosure for defense against attack

Territory - An area of land; the land and waters under the jurisdiction of a state, nation, or sovereign.

Wick - A bundle of fibers usually of soft cotton threads, that burns in a candle or lamp

Wilderness - An uncultivated, uninhabited region.

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