

QUIET VALLEY LIVING HISTORICAL FARM

The following questionnaire can be used as a follow-up exercise. The first part includes the questions and answers and the second part includes just the questions.

Introduction

1. The Zeppers were from what country?
Answer: Germany
2. Why did the Zeppers come to Penn's Woods (Pennsylvania) ?
Answer: Freedom (to worship, own property, work)
3. What were some of the things the Zeppers carried with them?
Answer: clothing, food (dried or smoked), a pot (probably a dutch oven), blankets, tools (probably a hoe, an axe and a knife), Bible
4. When they arrived, they had water, land and a dream to be free. What must their first years have been like? What would they have to have done to survive?
Answer: They would have had the freedom to live and worship as they pleased. It would have been plain hard work, and they would have used everything without waste. They would have had to cut trees, make them useful (hew them for building and cut them for building things like a table or bench, cut them for firewood), get rid of the stumps, build a shelter, look for food, work land, plant, care for plants, harvest, store food (root cellar, smoke house, spring house), make something with which they could trade so that they could gradually acquire animals, iron things etc., replace worn clothing (plant or animal fiber, make spinning wheel and loom, spin and weave, dye wool etc., make candles

Barn

5. What tool is used for sowing the wheat?
Answer: Fiddle seeder
6. The little leaves around the wheat seed are called _____.
Answer: Chaff
7. Define Threshing.
Answer: Hitting the wheat plant with a flail so that the seeds fall off the straw.

8. The breed of the horses at Quiet Valley is _____.
Answer: Belgian mares
9. What is the purpose in smoking the meat?
Answer: To preserve the meat
10. The mule is a cross between what two animals?
Answer: The mother was a horse and the father was a donkey

Cabin

11. Bake oven
- a. How is the large outside oven made ready for the Saturday baking?
Answer: By filling the oven with wood, using a coal from the kitchen to light it, letting it burn until it is hot enough to bake in, cleaning it out using the hoe and the swab and testing the heat by putting your arm inside and counting to ten.
- b. About how many loaves of bread can be baked on the hearth at one time?
Answer: 25-30
12. In the construction of the cabin, what mixture is used to fill in the spaces between the logs?
Answer: Chinking made of lime, clay, water and either straw or horse hair
13. What does the farmer do to the sheep each spring?
Answer: shears them
- 14.
- a. How is the “walking wheel” used?
Answer: To spin a thread you walk back and forth, and then you wind the thread on the spindle
- b. How is the wool prepared for spinning?
Answer: carding or combing it using wool cards
15. Name three things used for making dye.
Answer: Flowers (goldenrod, marigolds), onion skins, nut hulls, madder, indigo cochineal
- 16.

- a. What two types of fibers are woven together on the loom to make a warm cloth?
Answer: linen (plant fiber) and wool (animal fiber)
- b. What is the name given to this cloth?
Answer: Linsey-woolsey (warp threads are linen, weft threads are wool)
17. No farmer would purchase a farm without a source of water. The Zeppers source was a flow of water which came from the ground and is called a _____.
Answer: spring

Kitchen

18. For what is the fire in the kitchen used?
Answer: For heat, light and cooking
19. Where is food stored in the kitchen and what kinds of food are stored there?
Answer: Root cellar: Potatoes, carrots, beets, cabbage, sauerkraut, lard, scrapple, turnips Hanging: Herbs (cooking and medicinal)
20. What are the sources of light? What are they made from?
Answer: Fire, candles (tallow-beef, sheep, deer and bear fat), fat lamp (waste fat)
21. How were gourds used and how were they dried?
Answer: Dried by letting them hang on the vines, used for dishes
22. Name a use for horns and antlers.
Answer: Horns: cups, powder horns spoons, scoop Antlers: buttons, stool
23. How was water carried?
Answer: in two buckets hanging on a yoke placed on a persons shoulders

Bedroom

24. What is the little bed under the big bed called?
Answer: Trundle Bed
25. Name a use for feathers you learned in the bedroom.
Answers: To fill feather ticks, to make a corn cob dart, for a feather duster for cleaning, a fan, a pastry brush
26. What two things in the bedroom use hot coals to keep you warm?
Answer: foot warmer, bed warmer

27. Where do the older children on the farm sleep?
Answer: In the loft (over the bedroom)
28. What kind of straw is in the mattress on the bed?
Hint: Critters & mice don't like to chew on it.
Answer: rye straw
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