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Post-trip Lesson Plan Worksheet: Daily life in Florida (1898)

Daily Chores

Instructions: In the first column write daily chores you complete in your family home. Then read the chores of a typical child living in Florida in 1898 in the second and third columns and answer the following questions.

Your Daily Chores:	Daily Chores of girls in 1898:	Daily Chores of boys in 1898:
	Make Butter	Make Butter
	Sew	Care for Farm Animals (or livestock)
	Laundry	Milk the Cow
	Cooking: cooking dinner, making jams and pies, canning vegetables	Hunting/Trapping/Fishing (if the family lived near the coast the boys would go Mullet fishing)
	Cleaning	Plow the Field
	Candle Dipping	Make Rope
	Sweeping the Yard	Sweeping the Yard
	Sweeping the Floor	Herding Cattle
	Ironing	Riding Horses
	Rug Cleaning	Clearing the Land around the House

1) What chores are the same between you and the children in 1898?



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2) On your trip to Cracker Country which chore was your favorite chore to do (butter making, candle dipping, laundry, ect.)?

Vocabulary:

Instructions: Study the vocabulary words listed below then fill in the blanks in the following paragraph with the vocabulary words.

- 1) Candle: a wax or tallow cylinder with an embedded wick that is burned for illumination.
- 2) Wick: a fiber core in the center of a candle; this is the part of the candle that is burned for illumination.
- 3) Churn: a device in which cream is beaten vigorously to make butter; can be made of wood or pottery.
- 4) Crib: a building used for the storage and drying of corn
- 5) Livestock: the collective term for the animals found on a farm, i.e. horses, mules, cattle, pigs, chickens, etc.
- 6) Lye: a caustic salt that can be used to make soap. Lye is procured by dripping water through hardwood ashes.
- 7) Paraffin: a waxy white or colorless substance that comes from petroleum and used to make candles.
- 8) Rope Winder: a hand cranked machine used to twist several pieces of twine into rope.
- 9) Tallow: hard fat rendered from cattle, sheep and in the South especially from pigs; used in making soap and candles.
- 10) Hoe: a garden implement with a long handle and a thin, flat blade that is used to break up and move soil.
- 11) General Store: a local store where staples (such as salt and sugar) are bought and sold.

I work on a Farm in Wauchula Florida. Every morning one of my daily chores is to milk the cows. After I milk the cows I use a _____ (Tallow, Churn) to make butter to feed the family. When we have made excess butter my mother takes the butter to the _____ (General Store, Crib) to



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trade our butter for other stables. I am also in charge of making _____ (Candles, Churn) so that the family is able to see when it is dark outside. I begin to make candles by taking the _____ (Rope Winder, Wick) and dipping it into _____ (Lye, Paraffin) or _____ (Tallow, Livestock). My older brother is in charge of the animals or _____ (Livestock, Hoe). He says his favorite animal is the horse because he likes to ride on the horses back. He also helps my father plow the yard in the spring so they are able to plant vegetables like corn. The tool they use for plowing is called a _____ (Crib, Hoe). My sister does the daily cleaning of the house. She begins by making _____ (Lye, Paraffin) so she can clean the dishes, clothing, and floors. I am currently learning how to make rope from my father; he says that once I learn about safety that I can use the _____ (Rope Winder, General Store) to twine rope.