

GALLERY RESOURCE GUIDE

19th State

Grades: 3, 4, 8,

Academic Standards:

Social Studies: 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.4, 3.4.2, 4.1.16, 4.3.9, 4.3.10, 4.3.13, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 8.1.11, 8.1.17, 8.3.5, 8.3.7, 8.3.8

Overview:

Indiana was primarily settled from the Ohio River and filtered northward. Typical Indiana pioneers were people of English or Scots-Irish heritage whose ancestors had arrived in North America in the 1700s. These people sought to escape the economic competition and moral conflict created by slavery in western Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky. Discover what drew settlers to Indiana, what settlers brought with them on the journey, tasks that made up everyday living, the tools and animals needed for survival, and professions pioneers had during the state's infancy.

Gallery Highlights:

- > **Pack Your Wagon Interactive:** Make tough choices about what supplies, equipment, and home items are needed as they move to the new state of Indiana. You can not take it all, so what will stay behind? Will you survive the first winter in Indiana?
- > **The Cabin:** Step inside this log cabin to see the home of a typical pioneer family. Pioneers in the 18th and early 19th centuries created the furniture and materials on display, which includes two cabinets created by Thomas Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's father.
- > **Pioneer Chores:** These interactive allows students to participate in chores done by typical pioneer families, like churning butter and using a crosscut saw
- > **The Tool Wall:** This wall of tools show all the different equipment that was needed to maintain the farm and their settlement. Tools to Identify: wooden moldboard plow, wooden maul, wooden fork, wagon jack, grub hoe blade, butter paddle, two person cross cut saw, fence ax, meat cleaver and more!
- > **The National Road:** See exactly what roads looked like in Indiana in the early 1800's. Learn more about the use of oxen to pull wagons and some of the challenges pioneers encountered on the road to their new homes.

Key People, Events or Terms:

- > The Lincoln Family
- > Conestoga Wagon
- > Oxen
- > The National Road
- > Spencer County
- > Cabin

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Workshops, Lesson Plans, and Special Events:

- > Pioneer Indiana workshop
- > Indiana in Lincoln's Time education trunk
- > Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection website: <http://lincolncollection.org>

Discussion Points:

- > Find the Conestoga wagon and discuss the journey for pioneers coming from the south and east to Indiana. Ask students what items they think pioneers took and what items they themselves might take. For example: would it be useful for a pioneer to take his rifle when going into the wilderness? Why might the pioneers leave heavy furniture, such as a dresser, behind? Do you think they took items such as letters and pictures from relatives with them? Why or why not?
- > Using the butter churn and the crosscut saw interactives, have students compare chores of the early 1800s to those chores done today.
- > Find the oxen. Ask students to think about reasons why oxen were used instead of horses or female cattle to pull wagons. How would oxen be useful to pioneers after they settled their new land?

