

# Pioneer Life and Settlement Discovery Box

## Overview and Contents



Norwegian Homestead – Old World Wisconsin

The Pioneer Life Discovery Box contains items that help students understand and explore what life was like for European and American pioneers who came to Wisconsin in the 1800s. Many of these settlers started out as farmers but most soon turned to other industries in order to make a living in this state. Before communities were established, pioneer families had to grow or make many things they would trade for or buy if they lived in a large community.

### Key Points

- Pioneers lived very differently than we live today. They moved to a new land without established roads or towns, and often to a place without homes. They had to create a new life.
- Students will understand that until towns with stores were established, families had to make or grow most of their food.
- Families also had to make most of their clothing and items.

- Pioneers had to possess many skills in order to provide for their families.
- Pioneers had many specialized tools to help them complete tasks today that we have machines for.
- Students will be able to explore what it was like to be a pioneer, either as a farmer or homemaker, or a child.
- Students will be able to explore what clothing pioneers wore.

## Objects - Household Items



Cast Iron Pan



Wooden Spoon



Washboard



Metal Iron



Potato Masher – called a beetle



Butter Paddle (1)



Morter and Pestle



Reference Books

## Objects - Farming and Crafting Tools



Corn Huskers (2)



Hide Scrapers - Hogs



Hog (pig) Hair - in binder



Carpenter Pinchers (pliers)



Wool Carding Combs (2)



Raw Wool





Horseshoe



Horses Bit



Drop Spindles (1)

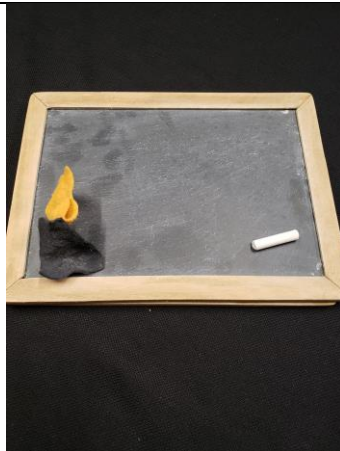


Candlestick Mold - metal

## Objects - One Room Schoolhouse



Wooden Cup and Ball Game



School Slate, with eraser cloth and chalk



School Book - Reader

# Objects - Clothing



Men's Shirt



Women's Apron



Child's Apron



Bonnets (2)



Girls Dress

## Activities

Carding Wool

Cardboard Loom (weaving)

Practice Writing on Slates (Cursive)