

Chores

Pre-visit Activities

1. Define such words as chores, wring-out, rinse, grind, churn, draw (water), haul (water), clothesline. Practice wringing-out something.
2. Make a list of chores which children today do at home – brainstorm what chores they think children did 100 years ago. (How about "sweeping the yard"?) Why would big families have been the norm?
3. Learn about the evolution of the clothespin.
4. Learn about milk production today and 100 years ago.

Post-visit Activities

1. Write and illustrate a story about doing chores 100 years ago based on their experience at the Fort Bend Museum.
2. Revisit the list of what children today can do to help their families and why these activities are beneficial to all family members. Make coupon books to give to family members for helping activities.
3. Make soap.

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