

Historic Crafts

Grade Levels: 1-3 & 4-5

In early America making crafts was an essential part of everyday life. To help students understand what it was like to live in earlier times, when so many things we take for granted did not exist, they make everyday household items like dipped candles or baskets. Broadening students' appreciation of the early settler's self-sufficiency, this program introduces each craft in an historical context. Choose from the list below the craft(s) you would like to do:

Dipped Candles 1st-5th Length: 1 1/2 hrs
Pierced-Tin Candle Shades 1st-5th Length: 1 hr
Cornhusk Dolls 3rd-5th Length: 1 1/2 hrs
Basket Weaving 5th - 6th Length: 2 hrs

College, Career and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies Standards addressed:

First Grade – Second Grade

D2.Civ.2.K-2. Explain how all people, not just official leaders, play important roles in community.

D2.Eco.3.K-2. Describe the skills and knowledge required to produce certain goods and services.

D2.His.2.K-2. Compare life in the past to life today.

Third – Fifth

D2.Eco.3.3-5. Identify examples of the variety of resources (human capital, physical capital, and natural resources) that are used to produce goods and services.

D2.Eco.4.3-5. Explain why individuals and businesses specialize and trade.

D2.His.3.3-5. Compare life in specific historical time periods to life today.