Illinois Prairies

General Information

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What a Prairie Is and Isn’t!

Overview: A game played by five students (four players and a judge) teaches important characteristics of a prairie ecosystem. The game incorporates a series of true or false questions that allow students to advance their positions on a game board. Students have options to improve their positions based on their knowledge of prairies.

Peoples of the Prairie

Make Your Own Pioneer Bonnet

Make Your Own Pioneer Bonnet

This bonnet is made from a small paper bag. To begin, color the hat if you would like. Cut out a wide strip of paper. The bottom of the hat will be the back of the bonnet. Turn back the top of the bag to make the brim. Tape the pieces of bag that you cut out through the top of the bag to make the hat brim. Insert the paper bag into the brim of the hat. Then, fold the hat in half and tape it together. Punch a hole in the top for the hat band and glue it to the inside back of the hat to keep it in place.

Make Your Own Pioneer Hat

Make Your Own Pioneer Hat

Materials needed:
Three 8.5” x 11” pieces of card stock paper or poster board
Scissors
Tape

Place two pieces of card stock face to face. Draw a half circle about 6 inches in diameter with the center along the edge in the middle of the page (Point A). Then draw a half circle from the top of the page to the bottom of the page (Points B and C).

Pioneer Clothing

Pioneer Games

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Pioneer Clothing

Men

Women

Pioneer Games

OUTDOOR Terms

INDOOR Terms

Directions

1. Game Setup: The game is played by two partners. One partner will be the Outdoors and the other the Indoors. The Outdoors partner will play the role of one of the following characters:

2. The Play: The partners sit in opposite corners of the room. The Indoors partner calls out an outdoor term. The Outdoors partner must state the corresponding indoor term.

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Early Years of Illinois Agriculture

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Prairie Pages: Pioneers

What is It? activity sheet

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Exploring Illinois’ Natural Resources DVD

Fishes and Crayfishes of Midewin brochure

 Illinois Biodiversity CD-ROM

Illinois’ Natural Resources Trading Cards (note: some trunks may not have all the trading cards)

Illinois Prairies: A Sense of Place DVD

Invasive Plants of Midewin brochure

Last Stand of the Tallgrass Prairie DVD

Listening to the Land DVD
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Pocket Naturalist-Grasslands Birds guide

Pocket Naturalist-Illinois Trees & Wildflowers guide

Prairie Restoration DVD

Project Bluestem CD-ROM

Project Bluestem Revised Lessons 2017 CD-ROM

Spider Watching at Midewin brochure

The Case of the Greater Prairie-chicken activity cards

Wildflowers and Grasses of Midewin brochure
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A Walk in the Prairie book

bison chip

bison horn cap

bison jaw bone

Climate Atlas of Illinois book

Explore the Grasslands book

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Life in Prairie Land book

Prairie Plants of the Midwest book

Prairie Plant ID Wheel

Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers: A Falcon Field Guide

The Prairie Builders book

trundle wheel

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Celebrating Our Native Grasses

Fermilab Prairie Flora and Fauna
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Illinois Roadside Wildflowers

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Jewels of the Prairies: Blooming Heights

Jewels of the Prairies: Dry Prairie
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Mammals from Illinois’ Past

Native Americans and Nature in Illinois

What a Prairie Is and Isn’t game board