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The General Store

Student Learning Packet



J.I. Maupin Store

Photography by K. Edward Lay

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Introduction Activity

Then and Now

(Inside)

THEN	SAME	NOW
		

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Introduction Activity

Then and Now

(Outside)

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The Post Office at the New Salem, Illinois

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Center 1: A Letter to the President

Grace Bedell's Letter to Lincoln

<http://www.showcase.netins.net/web/creative/lincoln/speeches/gracebedell.htm>

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Westfield Chatauque Co

Oct 15. 1860

Hon A B Lincoln

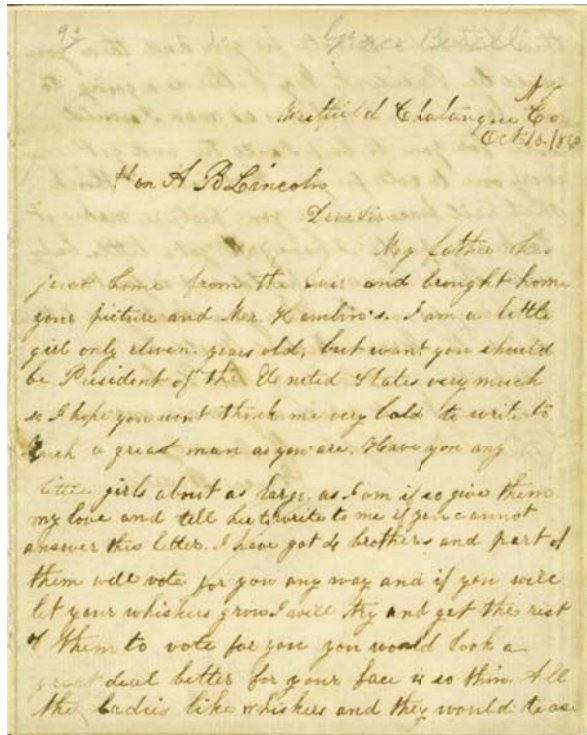
Dear Sir

My father has just home from the fair and brought home your picture and Mr. Hamlin's. I am a little girl only eleven years old, but want you should be President of the United States very much so I hope you wont think me very bold to write to such a great man as you are. Have you any little girls about as large as I am if so give them my love and tell her to write to me if you cannot answer this letter. I have got 4 brother's and part of them will vote for you any way and if you will let your whiskers grow I will try and get the rest of them to vote for you you would look a great deal better for your face is so thin. All the ladies like whiskers and they would tease their husband's to vote for you and then you would be President. My father is a going to vote for you and if I was a man I would vote for you to but I will try and get every one to vote for you that I can I think that rail fence around your picture makes it look very pretty I have got a little baby sister she is nine weeks old and is just as cunning as can be. When you direct your letter dir[e]ct to Grace Bedell Westfield Chatauque County New York

I must not write any more answer this letter right off

Good bye

Grace Bedell



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<http://www.loc.gov/loc/lcib/0903/letter.html>

A Letter to the President

When Abraham Lincoln was running for president he received a letter from a little girl named Grace Bedell who felt like he would have a better chance at winning the election if he grew a beard. Write a letter to our current President and give him some advice about his presidency or ask him a question.

Dear _____,

Your friend,

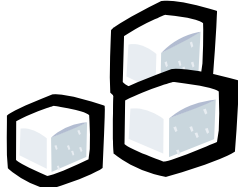
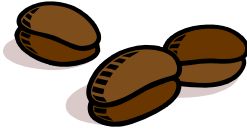
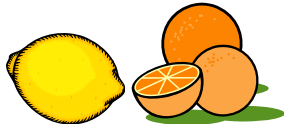
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Photo credit: Galen Frysinger (www.galenfrysinger.com/new_salem_lincolns_store.htm) **Center 2: Fill the Shelves**

Where Did It Come From?

Some items found at the General Store came from other counties. Cut the picture squares and place them on the world map. Write a sentence at the top of the map to explain how you think that the items arrive to the General Store in 1850.

 Dishes from Europe	 Almonds from Spain (Europe)	 Silk from Asia
 Sugar from the West Indies (islands below North America)	 Rice from Asia	 Coffee from South America
Oranges and Lemons from Europe 	 Ginger and Spices from Africa	 Tea from China



www.freeworldmaps.net

Center 3: Where Did It Come From?

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11 lbs Sugar	14 ⁰⁰	56
1 " Soda	9 ⁰⁰	13
Simons Braucham John W Braucham		
2 Dg Lemons	4 ⁰⁰	
Rico Taylor perf		
1 lb Candy	16 ⁰⁰	
Walter Brittain perf		
6 lbs Sugar	14 ⁰⁰	84
2 " Coffee	14 ⁰⁰	28
G W Smith perf		
6 lbs Coffee	14 ⁰⁰	100

1 pr White G. Dishes	67 ⁰⁰	113
1 Doz " " Plates	7 ⁰⁰	125
1 Castor Bottle	9 ⁰⁰	12
1 Sugar Dish	3 ⁰⁰	50
4 lbs Candy	20 ⁰⁰	80
4 " Almonds	20 ⁰⁰	80
1 Blue Sub	2 ⁰⁰	38

3 3/4 " Brown Cotton	10 ⁰⁰	3 54
4 1/2 " Blk Alpacca	3 ⁰⁰	2 25
2/3 doz Coat Buttons	18 ⁰⁰	13
2/3 " Vest Buttons	9 ⁰⁰	08
1 1/4 yds Velvet	3 ⁰⁰	63
2 " Irish Linen	4 ⁰⁰	1 50
6 lbs Sugar	14 ⁰⁰	84
6 " Coffee	14 ⁰⁰	84
3 " Shoe Thread	3 ⁰⁰	1 88
1 perf 2 Balls Shoe Thread	12 ⁰⁰	

1/2 " American Linen	16 ⁰⁰	38
6 " Mexican Mix	16 ⁰⁰	1 50
110 " (3 pr) Onalunga	10 ⁰⁰	11 00
30 " Blue Linens	13 ⁰⁰	3 90
15 " Buck Eye Drilling	15 ⁰⁰	2 32
1 Set China		14 50
1 White Granite Cream Pot	16 ⁰⁰	25
1 Doz Breakfast Plates	16 ⁰⁰	1 25
1 Set Soup	4 ⁰⁰	68
1 " Brass Hoops	4 ⁰⁰	50
4 yds Black Cotton	9 ⁰⁰	50
2 Tan Puff Combs	9 ⁰⁰	20
1 Blue perforated Board	16 ⁰⁰	13

1/2 lb W. G. Sugar	1 ⁰⁰	75
4 " Brown "	14 ⁰⁰	56
3 " Laguayra Coffee	4 ⁰⁰	50
1/4 " Green Tea	7 ⁰⁰	31
1/2 " Soda	9 ⁰⁰	06
1/2 " Spico	16 ⁰⁰	13
1 Box Blacking	4 ⁰⁰	06
1 Chamber Pot	16 ⁰⁰	25
3 yds Blew. Cotton	10 ⁰⁰	30
1/2 " Irish Linen	3 ⁰⁰	25

Stony Point Ledger 1856-1859

MSS 11449 Alderman Library, university of Virginia, Charlottesville

What can you find on the ledger pages?

Broadsides from the 1860's

**PEOPLE'S
PICNIC
—AND—
GRAND EXCURSION
—TO—
HIGHLAND GROVE,
FRIDAY, JULY 18th, 1862.**

When the low-costed and bedusted denizens of the overflowing Metropolis will have an opportunity to take their sweet-hearts, wives and little 'uns, and spend a day in good wholesome and rational recreation; and as "musie has charms," the managers have engaged

BOND'S CORNET BAND,
Who will during the day discourse some of their choicest music, and give those who are fond of "tripping on the light fantastic to" a chance to do so to their hearts' content.

Plenty of REFRESHMENTS for sale at the Grove.
No Intoxicating Drinks allowed on the grounds.

SPECIAL TRAINS OF Cars will leave the Maine Railroad Depot, Haymarket Square, at 8 30 A. M., 12 M. and 2 30 P. M.

TICKETS 50 cents for the Excursion. Children under 12 years 30 cts. To be had at Gibson & Bator's Baiting House, 125 Court Street, of the Band, and of Mr. J. B. Gibbs, at the depot.

N. B. Have Your Chairs ready made.

L. G. BLANCHARD, PRINTER, EAST BOSTON.

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People's picnic and grand excursion to Highland Grove, Friday, July 18th, 1862: Credit Line: Library of Congress, Rare Book and Special Collections Division.

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rbpe 06901700 <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rbc/rbpe.06901700>

Persons' new price list. Store, 1137 Washington Street 1861: Credit Line: Credit Line: Library of Congress, Rare Book and Special Collections Division.

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rbpe 06803000 <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rbc/rbpe.06803000>

The Murder of Abraham Lincoln: Credit Line: Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division [reproduction number, e.g., LC-USZ62-110212]

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rbpe 00000800 <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rb/rbpe.00000800>

Center 4: Design a Broadside

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Design a Broadside for the General Store.

A **Broadside** is a large single sheet of paper printed on one side only and typically used as a poster to announce an event, news, or advertisement and intended for wide distribution.

Pretend you are a member of a small community in 1850. You have asked the General Store owner if you can display your broadside in his store. Design a broadside to go in the General Store. What will it announce? Do you have news that you need to share? Do you have something for sale? Make sure to include all of the important information.



Price List from Madison, Wisconsin: 1861

Grains (per 100 pounds)

Wheat, .65 cent

Rye, .40 cents

Oats, .20 cents

Barley, .40 cents

Indian corn, shelled, .30 cents

Indian corn in cob, .25 cents

Flour and meal (per 100 pounds)

Wheat flour, \$2.50

Rye flour, \$2.25

Corn meal, \$2.00

Bran & shorts, .60 cents

Family markets

Eggs, .16 cents for a dozen

Butter, .16 cents for a pound

Green apples, \$2.00 for a barrel

Potatoes, .18 cents for a bushel

Lard, .12 cents for a pound

Common salt, \$2.20 for a (bushel barrel)

Hams .12 cents for a pound

Cheese .14 cents for a pound

Codfish, .5 cents for a pound

Whitefish, \$3.20 for a half barrel

Table salt, .20 cents for a sack

Brown sugar .7 cents for a pound

White sugar .10 cents for a pound

Coffee, .20 cents for a pound

Tea, .50 cents for a pound

Molasses, .50 cents for a gallon

Vinegar (cider), .25 cents for gallon

Dried apples, .9 cents for a pound

Dried peaches, .20 cents for a pound

Cranberries, .12 cents for a quart

Raisins, .20 cents for a pound

Honey, .25 cents for a pound

Lemons, .3 cents each

Sweet potatoes, \$2.00 for a bushel

Squashes, .2 cents each

Lake Michigan trout, .8 cents for a pound

Currants, 12 cents for a pound

Meat (per 100 pounds)

Lambs, \$2.00

Beef, \$2.50 (live weight)

Hogs, \$6.00

Veal calves, six weeks old, \$3.00

---SOURCE: *Weekly Wisconsin Patriot*, February 9, 1861 (p. 7)

Source: <http://www.foodtimeline.org/foodpioneer.html#provisionprices>

Center5: How Much Can I Buy?

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A List for the General Store



In the mid 1800's, a pioneer working man could make \$15 in a week. You will be going to the General Store this week and spend \$2.00. Use the price list from Madison, Wisconsin to select what items you will need for your family. See how close you can get to \$2.00 without going over. You may use to check your math.

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Center5: How Much Can I Buy?

What is the Real Price?

When the store owner got new items for his store from the market, he must sell them for more than he paid for them. He didn't want the customer to know how much he paid for the item. The store owner might charge a one price for someone who is paying cash and a different price for someone who is charging the item. The store owner used a code on his items. He is sharing his secret code with you. See if you can help him price his items. On the back of the paper, draw more items and use the code to price your items and trade your paper with a partner to see if they can crack your code.

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Center 6: Where Can I Find the General Store?

Where Can I Find the General Store?

Create a map to show a good location for General Store. Use the Map Legend at the bottom of the page to help you. Make sure that your General Store is **near** a railroad, main road, or waterway (river or canal).

Include:

- Store name
- Name of roads, rivers, or railroads
- Include a compass rose

Map Legend



On the back of your map, write why you selected this location for your store.

Name _____

Assessment

Keeping written records is a wonderful way to record history. We are able to know about what happen in the past because of these records. Pretend that you are a child in 1860. You have made your 1st visit to the General Store. Record what you have seen, heard, and done while you were there. Make sure to use all of your senses! Be sure to date and sign your entry.

