



# The Museum of Appalachia

*Lessons for Living History*

## Tour Guide for Intermediate Grades

### ***Building #2 - Hall of Fame***

Many of the artifacts in this building are accompanied by pictures of the people who made them or used them. You will find old furniture, wood carvings, baskets, pottery, and lots of other interesting handmade items. As you explore the Hall of Fame, think about these ideas:

1. Some of the things you see in this building have a practical function—in other words, they were useful—like buckets to carry water or quilts for warmth. Make a list on the back of this sheet of paper of different handmade items that were useful to mountain people.
2. Some items were useful, but also were made to be beautiful. The many quilts you see here are examples of beautiful things that were also useful. Why do you think that people who were so busy, who had so many chores to do, would take the time to make a functional item beautiful?
3. Downstairs you will find a large display of unusual musical instruments. Think about how busy mountain people were, then ask yourself why music would be so important to them.
4. Upstairs you will see exhibits from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Why do people want to preserve these old things from so long ago? What do they tell us about the soldiers who used them?
5. There is a large exhibit of items made by Mr. Alex Stewart downstairs. He could make a large variety of items—make a list on the back of this sheet of the items he made that are on display. Where would your family get those kinds of items today? If you couldn't go to the store and buy items like this, would you know how to make them?
6. Look at Mr. Stewart's whittled items. Do people whittle anymore in their leisure time? Compare how mountain people relaxed when their work was done to how your family relaxes when their work is done.
7. Downstairs is an exhibit of children's toys. Some of them, like the dolls, will be familiar to you. But some of them will look somewhat strange to you. Could you be happy playing with these toys?
8. There are many types of baskets in the Hall of Fame. What were some of the many jobs they were used for?
9. What is your favorite thing in the Hall of Fame? Why?

### ***Building #3 - Display Barn***

One of the exhibits downstairs shows the many steps that went into making clothes. The sheep's wool or plant fiber that would be made into yarn had to go through a time-consuming process. Find the steps listed below and check them off as you find them.

- 1. Washing the fibers
- 2. Carding or combing the fibers
- 3. Spinning (twisting) the fibers into yarn
- 4. Dyeing the yarn
- 5. Weaving the yarn into fabric



### ***Building #3 - Display Barn***

The work of many artists is located upstairs in the Display Barn, from Cedar Creek Charlie's polka dots to Troy Webb's carvings. When we think of artists, we usually think of trained painters and sculptors. But much of the artwork that you see at the Museum is called "folk art," because it is the work of people who have had little or no formal training. Even though they are self-taught, their work still shows their desire to express their inner feelings. Which Appalachian artist represented in the Display Barn do you like most? What did you like about this person's work?

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***Before you leave the Display Barn, name four objects that are no longer used today. . .***

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

***. . . and four objects that are still used today.***

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

### ***Shop Like a Pioneer***

When your family needs groceries, you go to a grocery store like Kroger's or to one of the big discount stores, like Super Target. Think about all the different places you go to buy clothes, toys, shoes, medicine, and sewing and craft supplies. But what if you only had one place to shop, and you had to depend on them to have everything you needed?

In the space below, make a list of things you would need if you were going on a camping trip or a vacation to the beach. Now go to the General Store in the Display Barn and see if you could buy what you needed there. Can you find everything you need? If not, can you make substitutions?

**Remember, this is how most rural and pioneer families had to shop.**

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| 1. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

**As you tour through the cabins, see how many of the sentences below you can complete using the following words:**

four	fireplace	washboard	privy or "outhouse"
Tater	wood and broomcorn	canning	dirt
iron stove	smokehouse	stones	Loom House
scaring flies	bellows	flax or cotton	butter
bench	anvil	fiddle	dairy
iron	dogtrot	quilt	daub

1. In the Arnwine Cabin, cooking was done in the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Instead of chairs, the Arnwine family used a \_\_\_\_\_ to sit on while eating.
3. An item in the Bunch House which brings brightness and color to the room is a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. For what is the device over the General Bunch dining table used? \_\_\_\_\_.
5. In the General Bunch House fruit and vegetables are preserved by \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Corn at the Sharp Mill was ground or crushed between two heavy \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ is where meat was preserved and stored.
8. The churn in the McClung House was used to make \_\_\_\_\_.
9. In the breezeway of the McClung House, there is a \_\_\_\_\_ which was used to wash clothes.
10. Another name for a breezeway is a \_\_\_\_\_.
11. In the Broom and Rope House, brooms are being made from \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The large iron object, the blacksmith's most important tool, is an \_\_\_\_\_.
13. In the blacksmith shop, air is blown into the furnace by \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The wheel of the wagon in the Wheelwright Shop is made of wood, but the tire is made of \_\_\_\_\_.
15. What type of floor does the Dan'l Boone Cabin have? \_\_\_\_\_.
16. The little log school is named after the valley where it stood before being moved to the Museum. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ Valley School House.
17. How many rooms does the Homestead House have? \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The log structures have a material between them that blocks out wind and weather. Often made of a combination of clay and lime or some other local material, it is called \_\_\_\_\_.
19. Food was stored in an underground area called a \_\_\_\_\_ to keep it from spoiling.
20. The modern bathroom replaced the \_\_\_\_\_.
21. What musical instrument provided entertainment for the occupants of the Homestead House? \_\_\_\_\_.
22. The small building near the Homestead House used for spinning and weaving is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
23. The plants hanging in the Loom House are \_\_\_\_\_.

***Remember that preserving the past for future generations is a responsibility we ALL share.***

## **Answer Key for Intermediate Guide**

- 1. fireplace**
- 2. bench**
- 3. quilt**
- 4. scaring flies**
- 5. canning**
- 6. stones**
- 7. smokehouse**
- 8. butter**
- 9. washboard**
- 10. dogtrot**
- 11. wood and straw**
- 12. anvil**
- 13. bellows**
- 14. iron**
- 15. dirt**
- 16. Tater**
- 17. four**
- 18. daub**
- 19. dairy**
- 20. privy or "outhouse"**
- 21. fiddle**
- 22. loom house**
- 23. flax and cotton**