



# The Museum of Appalachia

## *Lessons for Living History*

### **Tour Guide for Primary 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 Cabin 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.

### ***My Favorite Museum Memory***

**Draw a picture below of the thing you will remember best from your trip to the Museum.**

**USE THESE WORDS TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW:**

DIRT

STONES

PRIVY OR outhouse

THREE

MEAT

WOOD AND BROOMCORN

TWO

QUILT

UNDERGROUND DAIRY

ANVIL

IRON

WOOD

OPEN FIREPLACE

SPIN AND WEAVE

1. Where did the Arnwine family cook? \_\_\_\_\_
2. The bed in the Bunch House has a colorful \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The smokehouse was used to store \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Two big \_\_\_\_\_ grind corn at the Sharp Corn Mill.
5. The McClung House has \_\_\_\_\_ rooms.
6. Brooms are made from \_\_\_\_\_.
7. An \_\_\_\_\_ is a large iron object used in the blacksmith shop.
8. A wagon wheel is made of wood, but the tire is made of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The floor in the Dan'l Boone Cabin is made of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The Loom House was used to \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The modern bathroom took the place of the \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ kept food from spoiling.
13. In the Homestead House, how many beds are in the downstairs bed room? \_\_\_\_\_
14. The big bowl in the Homestead House kitchen is made of \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Name the animals you have seen today.

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

## **Answer Key for Primary Guide**

- 1. open fireplace**
- 2. quilt**
- 3. meat**
- 4. stones**
- 5. three**
- 6. wood and broomcorn**
- 7. anvil**
- 8. iron**
- 9. dirt**
- 10. spin and weave**
- 11. privy or outhouse**
- 12. underground dairy**
- 13. three**
- 14. wood**