

Life in the Colonies

Week 24 • Monday • Towns, Farms, and Schools

Reading Time

As the years passed, the colonies grew. Small forts became busy towns with dirt roads, wooden houses, churches, and shops. Most colonial families lived on **farms** outside of town.

There was no electricity, no cars, and no grocery stores! Families grew their own food, made their own clothes, and cooked over a fire. Everyone in the family had jobs to do — even the kids.

Colonial life was busy from sunrise to sunset. But it was not all work. Children played with marbles, hoops, and homemade dolls. Neighbors helped each other build barns and shared big harvest meals. This week you will discover what a colonial day was really like!

Reading Questions

1. Where did most colonial families live?

2. Name two things colonial families made or grew themselves.

3. What toys did colonial children play with?

4. How did neighbors help each other?

This Week's Goals

By the end of this week, you will be able to:

1. Describe what colonial towns and farms were like.
2. Name jobs that people did in a colonial town.
3. Explain what school was like for colonial kids.
4. Compare your daily life with a colonial child's day.

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

farm

harvest

chores

candle

barn

neighbor

True or False

Write T for true or F for false in each circle.

- ☐ Colonial families had electricity in their homes.
- ☐ Most colonial families lived on farms.
- ☐ Families cooked their food over a fire.
- ☐ Colonial kids never had to do chores.
- ☐ Children played with marbles and hoops.
- ☐ Neighbors helped each other build barns.

Think About It

1. What would you miss most if you lived in colonial times?

2. What part of colonial life sounds fun to you? Why?

Fill in the Blanks

farms

fire

clothes

chores

towns

sunset

1. Small forts grew into busy _____.
2. Most families lived on _____.
3. Families cooked their food over a _____.
4. They made their own _____ by hand.
5. Everyone in the family had _____ to do.
6. Colonial life was busy from sunrise to _____.

Draw It!

Draw a colonial farm. Include the house, a barn, animals, and a garden.



Review

I learned...	Circle one
Where colonial families lived	YES / NOT YET
What colonial families made themselves	YES / NOT YET
How colonial children played	YES / NOT YET