

Barn Again! Scavenger Hunt

Look for the answers to these questions as you explore the Barn Again! exhibition. Each group of questions goes with a different section of the exhibition. Write down your answers and return this sheet to your teacher.

Where do we get Ideas about Barns?

1. Find a barn in an advertisement. What product is being sold? Why do you think this company decided to use a barn in its ad?

2. Find an image of a barn made for children. What is it on? Does it look like a real barn? Why or why not?

3. Find a picture of a farm printed over 100 years ago. What is its title? How do you think the artist wanted you to feel when you look at the picture?

What is a Barn?

1. Describe three different farm jobs done in a barn.

2. List one advantage of each of these types of barns:
English Barn
Midwest Open-Ending Barn
Pennsylvania Barn
Connected Barn

3. Find a barn that reminds you of the following words. Write the name of the barn next to the words.
A work of art
A dome
A church
A skeleton

Barn Raising

1. Imagine that you need to build a new barn. What kind of shingles will you use on your roof? Why?

2. Will you use nails or mortise and tenon joints to connect the beams? Why?

3. How would your choices be different if you were building a barn 150 years ago?

Changing Barns

Find three types of barns that have developed because of new technologies or ideas about agriculture. Write the name of the barn and describe one of its improved features.

1.

2.

3.

Will Barns Survive?

1. Describe one reason historic barns are threatened today.

2. Describe two different ways historic barns are being preserved.

3. What do you think? Is it important to preserve historic barns? Why or why not?