

UNIT II: THE GOLDEN AGE (1897-1918)

Topic: Agriculture

Lesson 18: Fun on the Farm

Objectives:

1. Students will recognize that labor saving equipment helped to provide time for leisure.
2. Students will recognize that farm families had money to spend on items for leisure activities.

Materials:

Student access to *The Iowa Farmstead*, pp. 6-9, 12 -14

Activities:

1. Have students look through the *Iowa Farmstead* to find machinery that lessened the amount of time people spent at farm work. Discuss student findings: (see pp. 6, 7, 8, 9, 12).
2. Direct students to page 14. What does the information on this page tell about leisure home activities of rural Iowa families? These resources were made available because of farmers were making more money as a result of improved technology and production methods. Refer back to lessons 4 and 5 for this information.

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