

## UNIT I: THE RISE OF TECHNOLOGY (1870 - 1896)

### Topic: Lumber Industry

### Lesson 3: Life in a Lumber Camp

#### Objective:

Students will gain insight into the daily life of a lumberjack and the surroundings in which they worked.

#### Materials:

*Life in a Lumber Camp*, by George Austin Woodward (available online)

Student activity sheets:      The Lumberjack's Home  
   The Lumberjack's Clothing  
   The Lumberjack's Job

#### Activities:

1. Introduce the lesson by overviewing the process by which raw lumber was cut, processed, and distributed:
  - a. Timber was cut in the forests of Wisconsin and Minnesota.
  - b. Logs were rafted down the Mississippi.
  - c. Logs were processed in lumber mills in river towns.
  - d. Finished products were distributed nationally.
2. Direct students to *Life in a Lumber Camp*, by George Austin Woodward. Introduce the booklet identifying Woodward's writing as a primary source.
3. Have students read *Life in a Lumber Camp* using the following outline as a guide for discussion:

a. Camp Buildings	Pages 2 - 4
b. Recreation	4 - 5
c. Clothing	5 - 6
d. Food	6 - 8
e. Work	9 - 12
4. Distribute copies of the three student activity sheets "The Lumberjack's Clothing," "The Lumberjack's Job," "The Lumberjack's Home." Provide time for students to complete the activities using the information in the booklet.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

### THE LUMBERJACK'S HOME

Directions: In the space below, draw a map of a lumber camp using the information given in *Life in a Lumber Camp*. Identify specific buildings as well as roads and timber areas.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### THE LUMBERJACK'S CLOTHING

Directions: Using the information in *Life in a Lumber Camp*, draw a picture of a lumberjack in traditional dress.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### THE LUMBERJACK'S JOB

Directions: Using the information in *Life in a Lumber Camp*, describe briefly the job of each of these workers

1. Chopper: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Skidder: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Sawyer: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Swamper: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Teamster: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Decker: \_\_\_\_\_

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