

Natural Resources Matching Puzzles



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Settling the New World

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All Grades

Thirty nine sets of puzzles help students learn some of the ways the early colonists of North America used natural resources. These cards are suitable for grades PS-5. With younger children, you may want to limit the number of cards in each group (example: use only 2-3 pine trees, etc.).

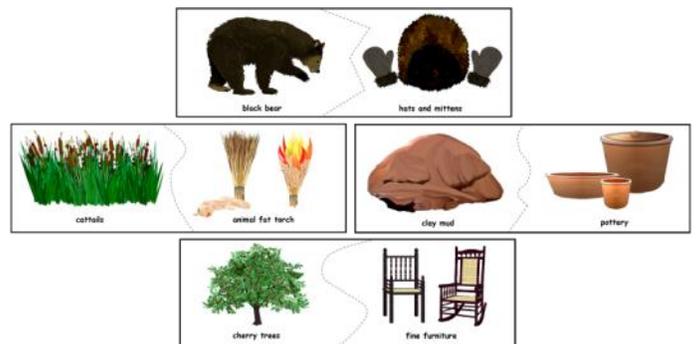
Objective: *Students will identify ways the early colonists in North America used natural resources to meet their needs. They will show several different uses for some of the same materials by matching puzzle cards. After playing with the materials a few times, when given 5 resources they will state from memory 1-4 ways to use each one.*

Preparation:

1. Print pages 2-11 single sided on cover stock. Make as many sets as needed (I suggest 1 set/3-4 students).
2. Laminate and trim.
3. Cut the cards apart. Several of the resources have multiple uses, so the puzzles for those items all have the same cutting lines. Be sure to cut carefully so that all pieces will fit correctly whether they were originally a pair or not.
4. Use the image (above left) to label a zippered baggie. Store one set of cards/baggie.

Uses:

- Divide the class into small groups and let them work the puzzles together. Have them list the uses for each item on a piece of paper.
- Divide the class into groups and have each group work on a single resource (ex. one group has all the oak tree pieces, another has all the bear pieces, etc.) Have each group report to the class on what they found.
- Same setting as above (small groups working on a single resource), but have each group develop a story that includes the information contained on their set of puzzle cards.
- Same setting as above (small groups working on a single resource), but have them discuss all the steps needed to go from the original resource to the final product. Then do some research on the topic.
- Have small groups work with the cards and a parent volunteer who can guide discussion.
- Place the puzzles in your classroom museum or center for free time work.



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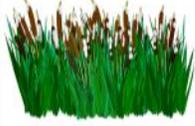
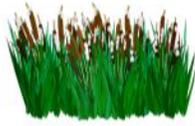
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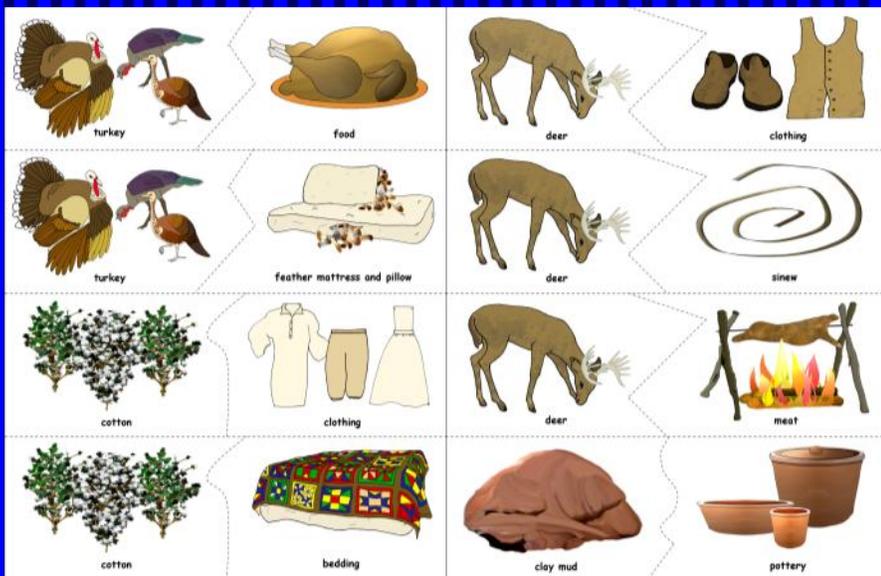
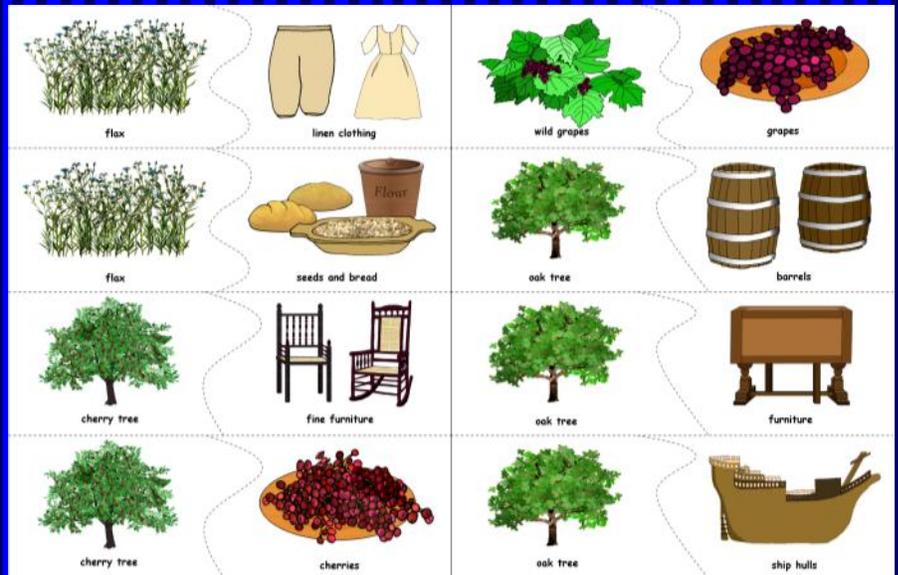
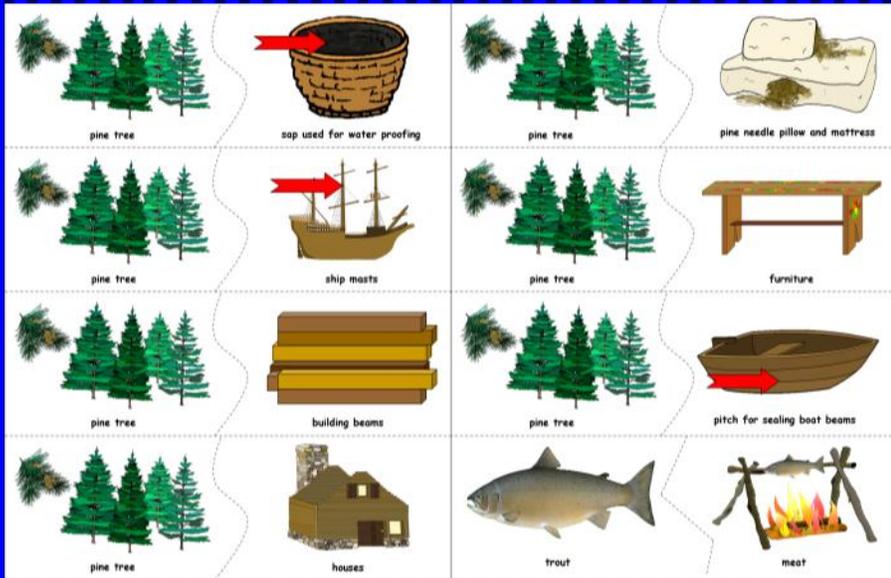
The early settlers in North America used natural items to make the things they needed. Many different kinds of things were often made from the same resource. Just think—they could eat and make clothes from the same plant! Match the puzzles together to learn some of the ways the early colonists used the natural resources.

 cherry tree	 medicine and tea	 black bear	 meat
 walnut tree	 nuts	 black bear	 rug
 walnut tree	 furniture	 black bear	 blanket
 walnut tree	 black bear	 black bear	 hats and mittens



Many resources show multiple products.

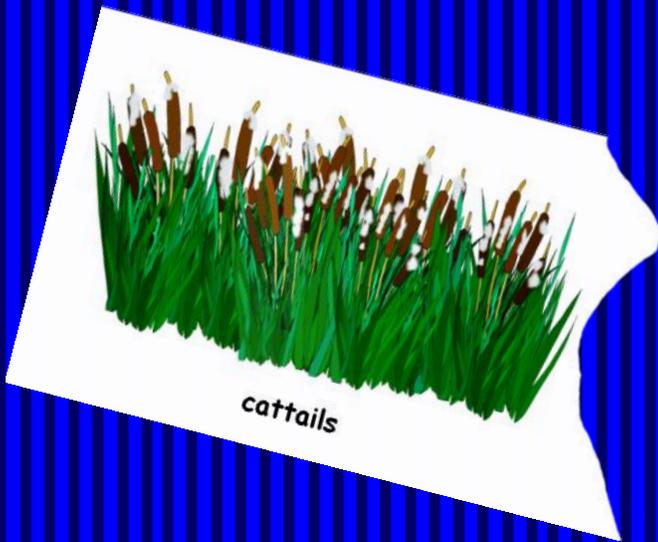
 cattails	 animal fat torch	 cattails	 roots and shoots
 cattails	 roof thatch	 cattails	 broom
 raccoon	 raccoon skin hat	 cattails	 floor mat
 raccoon	 stew meat	 pine tree	 temporary shelter





hats and mittens

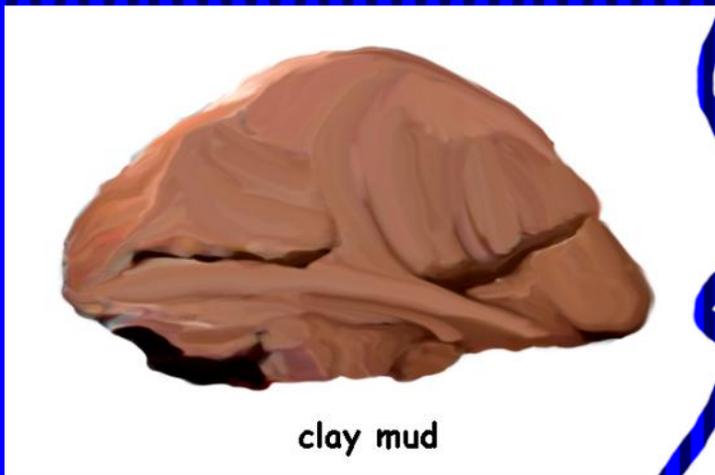
39 Pairs of Resource / Product Images



cattails



black bear



clay mud



pottery

All images are compressed for sample purposes.