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# Farm Family in Kansas Traveling Resource Trunk

## INTRODUCTION

This trunk is designed to be a comprehensive unit used in the second grade classroom. The information deals with the work of the Kansas farm family from the 1870s through the turn of the twentieth century. Comparisons are meant to be made with the work of a child's own family, and the child will learn not only differences but perhaps some surprising similarities in the roles of the various family members and their interrelations over a hundred year span. The child will also be introduced to equipment used to accomplish work on the farm before the time of electricity, the automobile, the telephone, and commercial food processing.

In consideration of the limited reading ability of most second graders, the trunk includes 33 photographs and two slide programs, one on churning butter and another on husking corn. Under the premise that children learn better by experimenting and discovering first-hand, reproduction objects and original objects have been included so that youngsters can examine and draw conclusions on their own with the help of the teacher. Reference articles can be used as background material by the teacher; and in many cases, sections of the articles should be read to students. The activities and discussions are only suggestions, written with second graders in mind; however the reference articles allow the teacher to adapt the materials to other grade levels.



When you see this image in the manual the text it is next to refers to a photograph from the trunk. The specific photograph being discussed is indicated by it's number.



This symbol indicates that material is available for you to read to your class. Information can be in the form of a book included in the trunk or a primary source printed in the manual. Primary sources in this manual include diary entries, descriptions of husking bees and holiday celebrations, and excerpts from letters.



When you see a line drawing of an object the text in the manual is referring to an object included in the trunk. Use the object shown in the drawing to help tell the story of the farm family's experience in Kansas.

### SPECIAL NOTE ON OBJECTS

Please inventory this trunk upon its arrival and before it is returned. An inventory sheet has been provided for your use. Return it in the same condition that it was received.

Objects and materials are to be used as the teacher sees fit. Please keep in mind that many students will use this trunk this year and in the years to come.

### RETURN OF THE TRUNK

To assure the trunk you are using will reach the next destination on time, we ask that it be returned to us by the return date. Allow at least two days shipping time.

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