

Pioneer Life Vocabulary

- Archaeology:** the scientific study of historical or prehistoric peoples and cultures by analysis of artifacts and other such remains, especially those that have been excavated
- Blacksmithing:** the art of manipulating metal using heat and pressure to create tools and goods
- Garden:** a small piece of land used to grow crop and flowers; in pioneer times most people had to produce their own food while some sold food for money
- Historic:** dating from or preserved from a past time or culture; well-known or important in history
- Outhouse/Privy:** an outbuilding with one or more seats and a pit serving as a toilet
- Pioneer:** (noun) a person who is among those who first enter or settle a region, thus opening it for occupation and development by others (adjective) being the earliest, original, first of a particular kind
- Saddlebag House:** a common type of pioneer dwelling featuring two or more large rooms and a chimney set in a central, interior wall
- Sharecropping:** a system of agriculture in which a landowner allows a tenant to use the land (not own) in return for a share of the crop produced on the land; this system kept former slaves indebted to the landowners
- Slave:** someone who is the legal property of another person; most slaves in the early United States were brought from parts of Africa to work as labor for crop production
- Smokehouse:** an outbuilding in which various meats, fish and game are cured, or preserved, using smoke and salt