

TEACHING COUNTY HISTORY: DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA

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GRADE LEVEL: Elementary

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Sample Lesson Plan
on Teaching County History

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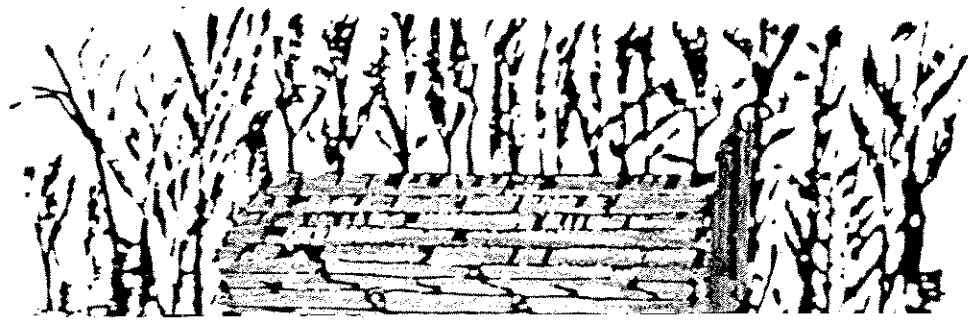
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Day One:

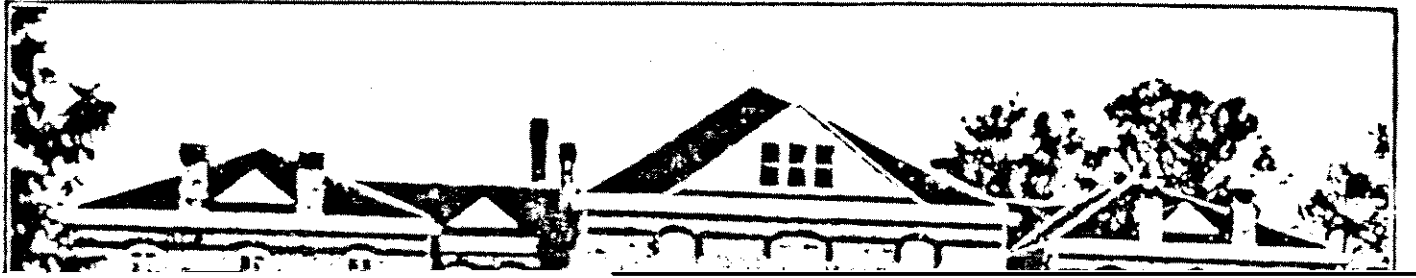
Purpose: Review for the first day of the summer institute.

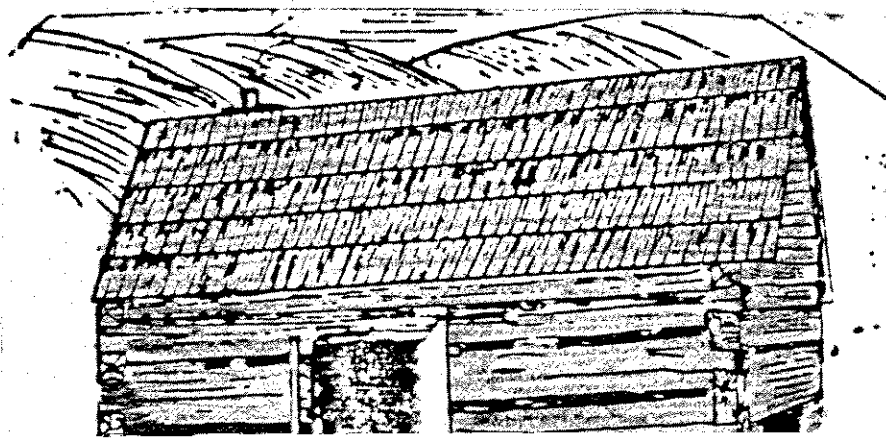
Materials: All available historical books/booklets (see research paper developed for Summer Institute II, Janet Kluemper, for references)

Lesson may also include use of photos and maps.













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Day Two:

Purpose: Learning the Data Surrounding the Establishment of the Earliest
Towns of the County

Materials: same; enough for group needs

Procedure: Students in small groups make a chart of data on settlements,
then compare charts as whole group activity.

Day Three:

Purpose: Reinforcing Learning of Facts and Further Familiarization with
Historical Materials

Materials: facts cards for game, teacher questions, previous resources for
possible reference

Procedure: Review information from days one and two. Play the following
game: Distribute the answer cards making sure that each student
receives at least one answer card and that all cards are used.

Teacher Questions

Answer Cards

This settlement was near the large, circular patches of thick green grass on the Buffalo Trace.

Mud Holes

The year the first families arrived to settle in Dubois County.

1801

Last name of the 2 brothers and their families who first settled Dubois County.

McDonald

The first main route of travel in Dubois County

Buffalo Trace

The oldest known cemetery in Dubois County

Sherritt Cemetery

A very large stone monument near Portersville

the Settlement Stone

An old Indian trail going through Huntingburg and the Mud Holes

Yellow Banks Trail

Indiana was one of the states from this territory

Northwest Territory

The main Indian Tribe who occupied the county just before the 1800's

Piankeshaw

First name of the man in whose honor this county was named

Toussaint

Indians brought "virgin silver" to this blacksmith for ornaments

Robert Stewart

The date Dubois County was created

December 20, 1817

Dubois County was included in this county in 1816

Pike County

This White River town was the first county seat

Portersville

How venison, salt pork, bear meat, and bear oil was shipped down the White River

barges, flatboats, and small steamships

The woman responsible for naming Jasper

Flador Enlow

This person laid out the towns of Ferdinand and Celestine

Father Joseph Kundeck

This person was fond of hunting in the groves, hills, and valleys that became Huntingburg

Colonel Jacob Geiger

The first steam mill in this part of the state was in this town

Huntingburg

In 1840 a clapboard sign announced this town

Ferdinand

This town was platted in 1843 and named after a bishop

Celestine

Henry Kunz settled here and named the place after his
homeland

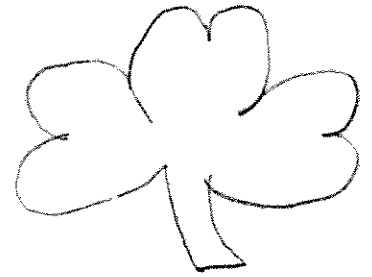
Holland

Days Four - Six:

history

Materials: Same reference sources as previous lessons, costumes if

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Visit to

Indiana

1991 1999

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Scene 1....

Sitting Bull.....Shawn Matheis
Running Bull.....Dave Hoffman
Little Turtle.....Tony Hoffman
Little Squirt.....Kelley Mehringer
Prophet.....Gary Seifrig
Running Woman.....Stephanie Weisman

Scene 2....

William McDonald.....Jason Lents
Jane McDonald.....Jill Schmitt
John McDonald.....Tom Weyer
Marie McDonald.....Ann Seifert

Scene 3....

Cecilia.....Kim Stenftenasel

Caroline.....Becky Welp
Philamena.....Arlene Hopf
Rebecca.....Jeanette Schnaus

Scene 4....

Mary.....Karen Neukam
Elizabeth.....Shannon Erny

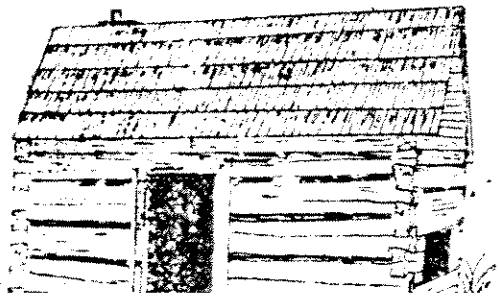
Scene 6....

Jake.....Jason Small
Elizabeth.....Dana Rasche
David.....Bret Sermersheim
Gertrude.....Courtney Heichelbech

Scene 1 opens with a look at some of the Piankishaw
Indians from this area discussing the white men. Most
of the Indians are being influenced to fight us for
their hunting grounds by the great Tecumseh and, his
brother, the Prophet.

Scene 2 shifts to a basically historical event in

Scene 4 happens in the 1860's. Abraham Lincoln had received 301 votes and his opponent Stephen A. Douglas received 1,347 from Dubois County. However, the people here believed in preserving the union, and Dubois County had 1,492 men in the militia during the Civil War. While these soldiers were away fighting, those who remained also organized into companies such as the "Ireland Guards" and the "Anderson Rangers".



Scene 6 takes place at the poor farm built in 1861.
The time is the 1890's. The players are discussing the
news events of that day