



Homeplace Time Traveler's Scavenger Hunt

Welcome Time Traveler to 1850, we have an awesome adventure in store for you! Did you bring the secret phrase to get you back to 2020? You didn't, well don't worry in the 1800's writer Charles Dickens (author of the Christmas Carol, one of the first time travel stories) left some clues in his writings to get the secret phrase. Decipher the phrase as you discover clues along the way and once you have it figured out you can travel back to our time.



Let's get started on your adventure, you have arrived at a family farm in middle Tennessee in 1850. Explore the farm and learn how the family worked the farm together. As you are enjoying and learning about the past, look for clues to answer the time travelers phrase.



Time Traveler's Phrase

_____ is a _____ a _____, it is a _____ one.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Tip and Tricks for Traveling on the Farm

To begin your time travel adventure, just step out the back doors of the interpretive center. Follow the path to the 1850 farm.

Each stop provides a clue to the time travelers phrase that will help you get back.

To help you explore the 1850s, you can ask the farm family for help.

Closely observe all the details of the farm:

- **Crops they raised**
- **Food they raised for the family to eat**
- **What kinds of animals lived on the farm and what were their purposes**
- **What buildings are on the farm and what were they used for**
- **How did the family live without electricity**
- **Where did the family get water to drink, take a bath, wash clothing**
- **What did they wear**
- **What was the work they did**



Add questions you have or take notes:

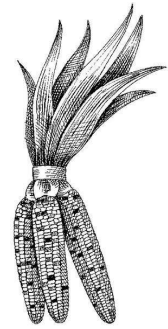


Start Your Adventure



As you enter the farm on your left is the farm's crop fields.

- What is the crop growing in the field? _____
- Who ate this crop? _____ and _____



This family grew this cash crop and sold it to make money for the farm family. It was important when you first plant the seed to keep the weeds away from this plant. A tool was used to loosen the dirt to prevent weeds from growing.

- A. Rake
- B. Shovel
- C. Hoe



- The tool is called a _____. Look in the double pen house woodshed for one of these tools. See if you can find 3 on the farm.

1: The first letter is _____ and is the first letter in the time travelers phrase.

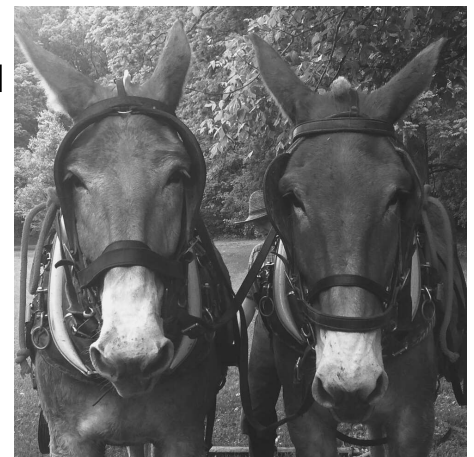


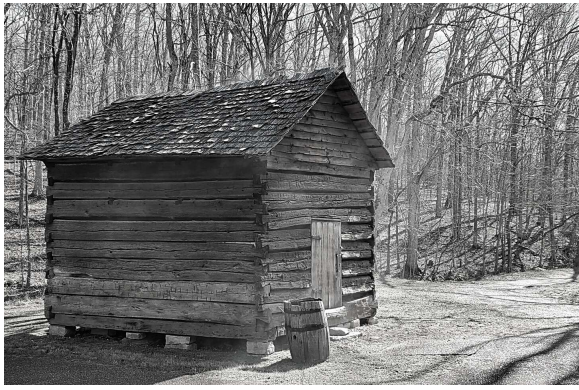
Visit the mules Todd and Dan in their pasture. These are the tractors on an 1850 farm, they are strong a pull a plow and other farm tools. They also can pull a wagon full of corn to sell in town or to visit a friend. One of their favorite foods can be found in a popular breakfast cereal or found in cookies.

- A. Oats
- B. Corn
- C. Rice
- D. Wheat

- The mules like to eat _____.

2: The first letter is _____ and is the 2nd letter in the time travelers phrase.





Walk around the house and visit the smoke house. This is where fresh pork meat is salted, smoked and stored.

- Pork, chicken, fish from the river and other wild game are the types of _____ the family would eat.

3/4: The first 2 letters are _____ and are clues 3 and 4 in the time travelers phrase.



Visit and explore the Double Pen house to start the second word in the time travelers phrase and learn how the farm family made their house a home.

Ask a guide to learn about this 1850s house and look for the answers to these questions:



- How is this house is different from our homes today? _____
- Can you name the 3 rooms of this house? _____
- What are the purpose of each room? _____
- Which is your favorite room? _____

What rooms are missing in an 1850s house that we do today? Pick the best answer.

- A. Dining room
- B. Tv room
- C. Bathroom
- D. Bedroom
- E. All of the above

5: As you look around the farm, each building and animal has a n _____ m _____. The entire word is clue number 5 for the Time Travelers Phrase.



The farm family grows their own vegetables in the garden and fruit in the orchard. Children helped to raise vegetables and fruit for their family.

6: The first letter of the answer is ____ and is the 6th answer to the time travelers phrase.

- Planting the seeds, hoeing away weeds, and picking the ripe vegetables was hard _____ for the farm children. (chose the best word to fill in the blank)

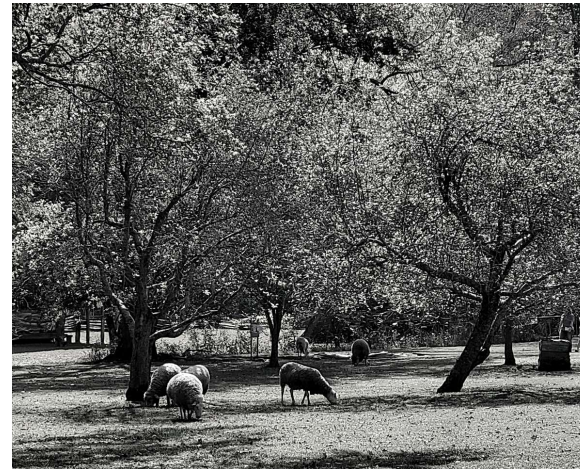
- A. Work
- B. Fun
- C. Sleep



Fruit trees like apples, peaches, pears, plums were plants together in a location protected by high winds but had plenty of sunlight.

- A piece of land planted with fruit trees is called an _____.

- A. Lawn
- B. Orchard
- C. Pasture
- D. Ocean



7/8: The first 2 letters in this word are ____ ____ and the 7th and 8th clue in the time travelers phrase.



Go to the Tool Barn for the next clue. What was a tool that was used to make a perfect hole in wood? _____

Ask the farmer, he can show you and explain how the tool is used.

The tool is called:

- A. Drill
- B. Hammer
- C. Wedge
- D. Glut

9: The first 1st letter in your answer is ____ and the 9th in the time travelers phrase.



You have already visited with the mules. Now you need to learn which animal is the most powerful on the farm. Find the chickens, ducks, sheep, and the oxen on the back of the farm.

- List at least one of their uses is on the farm:

Chickens _____

Ducks _____

Sheep _____

Oxen _____

- After learning about the farm animals, if you had to give a prize out for the most powerful animal on the farm which animal would it be?

- What is another word to describe this animal?

S _____ g



10: The final word _____ is answer 10 and completes the time travelers phrase.

Congratulations!

You have the all the answers to complete your Time Travelers Phrase and get back home and one of the few brave people who have traveled to the past to learn more about it!



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Hint: Time Travel in the 1850s. The secret phrase is from author, Charles Dickens. BUT did you know that In 1843 he wrote a story called, A Christmas Carol, featuring time traveler, Ebenezer Scrooge.

If you're anything like us, when you first read Charles Dickens' famous tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, you didn't even think of it as a time travel story. But time travel it is — Scrooge travels through space and time, visiting both his past and his future. Sure, he's being lead about by ghosts, but the idea is the same — this greater understanding of the universe and the way things link to each other changes Scrooge's mind and actions.



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Answer Key

1 Hoe (H)

5 Name (Name)

9 Drill (D)

2 Oats (O)

6 Work (W)

10 Strong (Strong)

3 & 4 Meat (M & E) **7 & 8** Orchard (O & R)



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