

Junior Ranger Workbook  
Elementary Students



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I have completed the Junior Ranger workbook to the best of my ability.

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Signature of Junior Ranger Candidate

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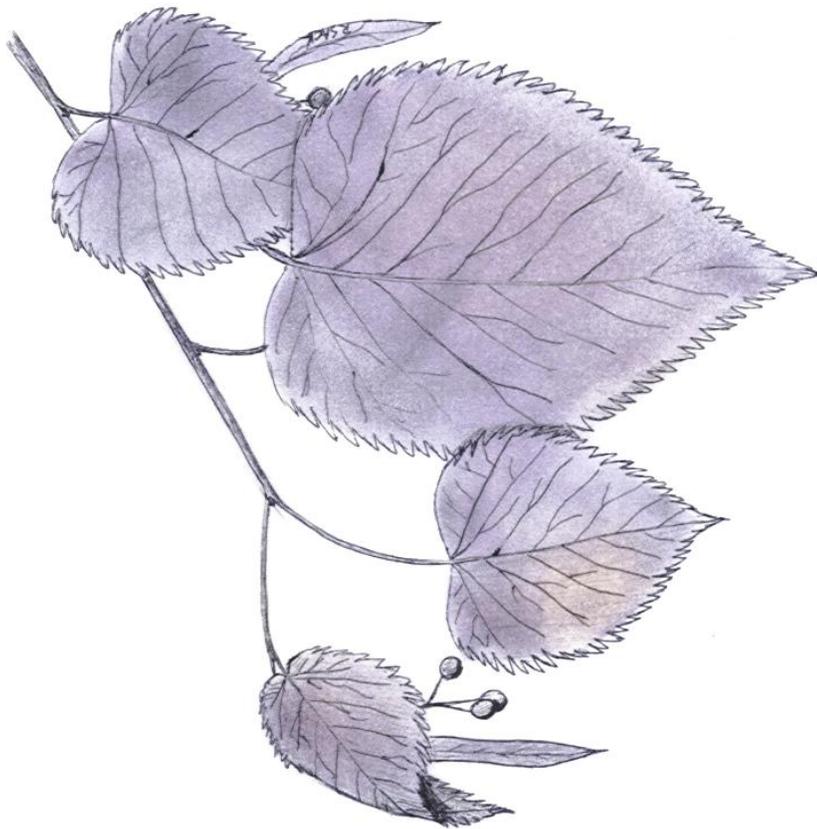
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Hello! Are you ready to learn about Martin Van Buren?  
President Van Buren named his home and farm using the  
German word for linden forest.

HINT: This leaf is a linden leaf.

HINT: 'wald' is the German word for forest

Write the answer here: \_\_\_\_\_



Let's learn more about the farm at Lindenwald. In 1839, when President Van Buren bought Lindenwald, no one had lived here for 15 years. Very few changes were made to the farm during that time.

**What did the lawn and gardens look like if they were not taken care of?**

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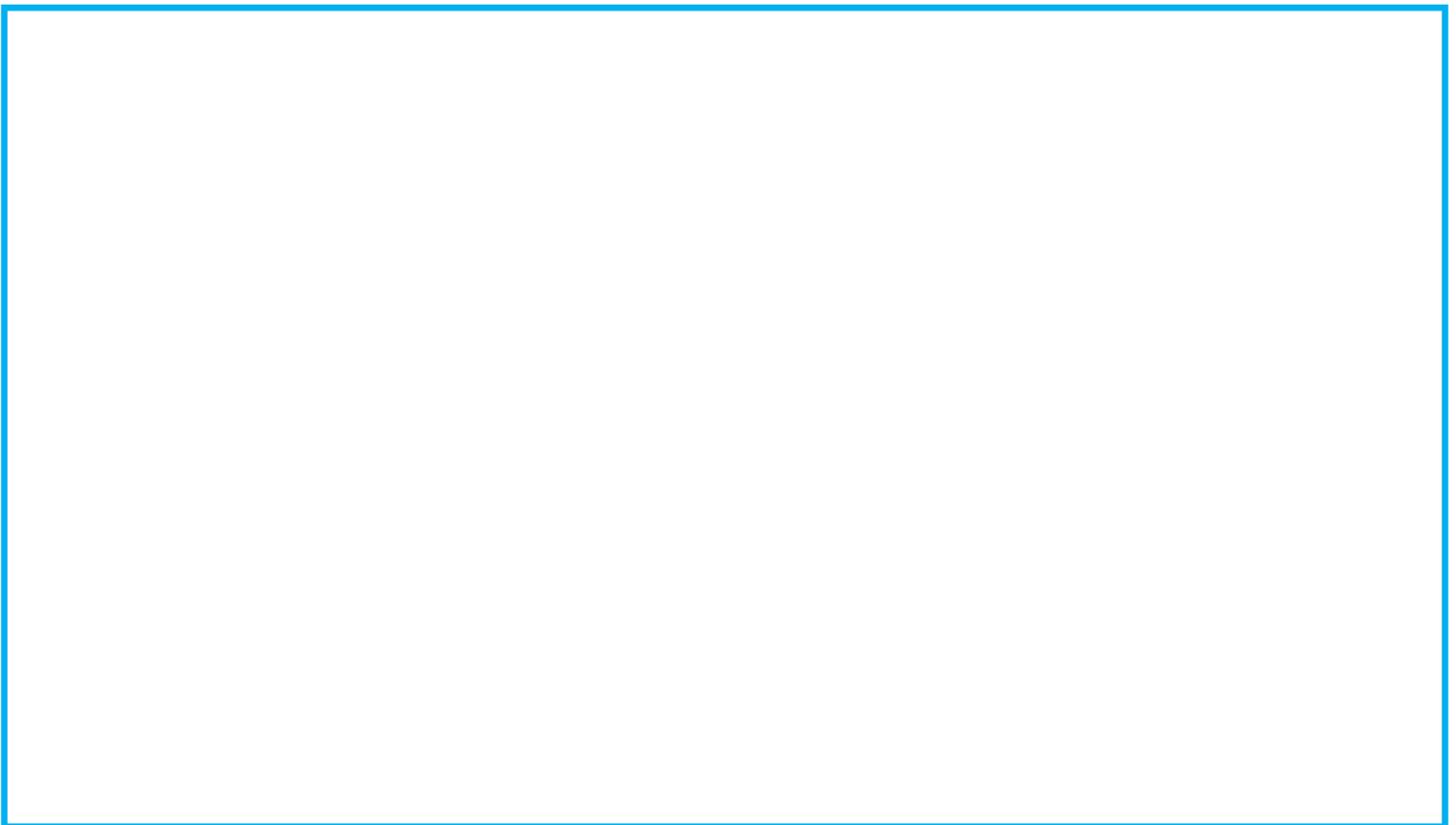
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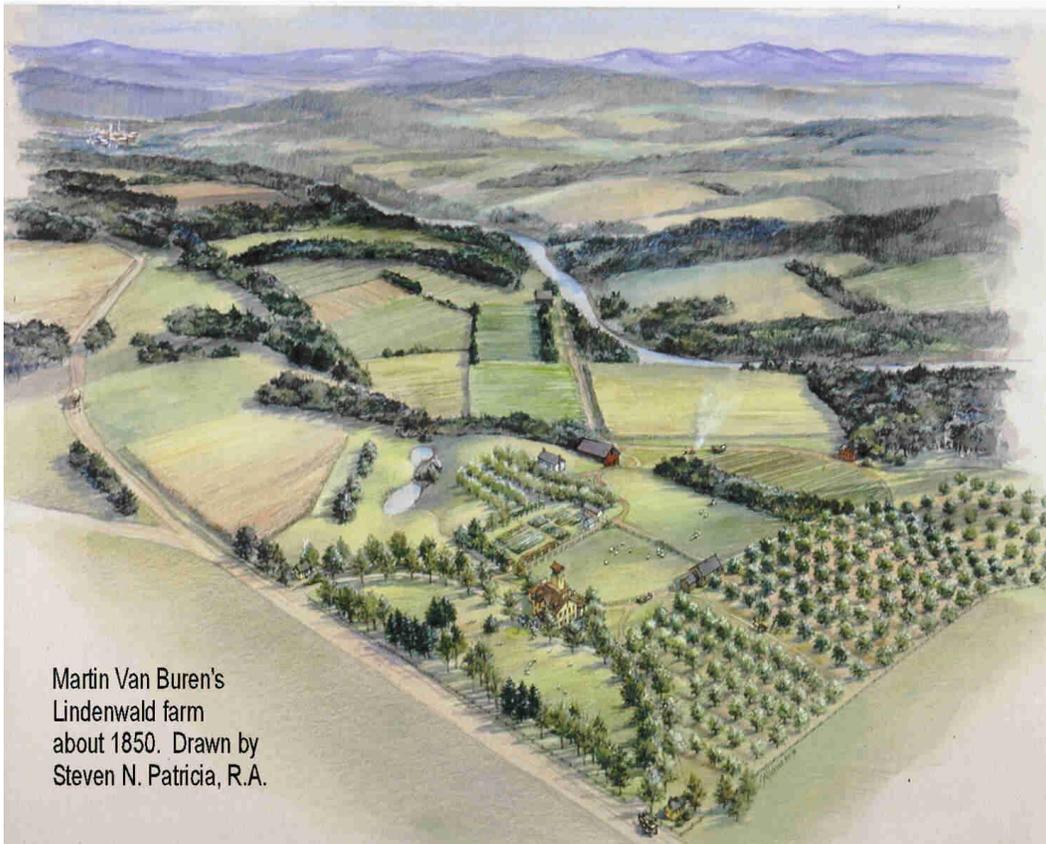
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**Draw a Picture of Martin Van Buren's Lawn & Garden**



By 1850, Lindenwald looked like this picture.



\*Find the orchard and circle it.

\*Count the number of ponds and write your answer here.

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\*Draw an arrow pointing to the Kinderhook Creek. This is the west border of President Van Buren's farm.

We didn't see them in the picture, but there were many different kinds of crops here and many different kinds of animals.

**WORD FIND**  
**CROPS AND ANIMALS AT LINDENWALD**

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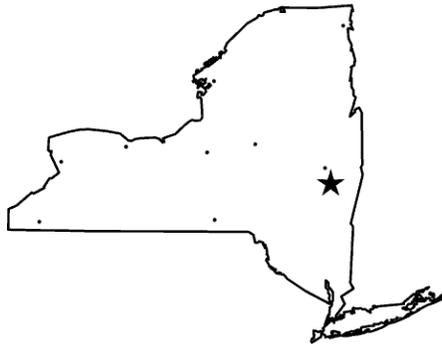
Words to Find And Circle

<u>Horizontal</u>	<u>Vertical</u>
Pigs	Peas
Apples	Fish
Beans	Corn
Sheep	Potatoes
Flowers	Horses
Cows	Chickens
Turkeys	Cabbage
Grapes	Grain

President Martin Van Buren came home to Kinderhook after a political career that lasted 30 years. The United States of America grew from 13 states to 34 states during his lifetime.

When President Van Buren was born on December 5, 1782, New York was one of the thirteen colonies and became a state in 1788.

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Look at the map on the next page and use a crayon or colored pencil to color New York State.



President Van Buren was nine years old when Vermont became the fourteenth state in 1791. Look at the map and use a different color crayon or pencil to color Vermont.

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The United States of America kept getting bigger. When President Van Buren was 21 years old and working as a lawyer, Ohio became the 17th state. Color Ohio on the map.

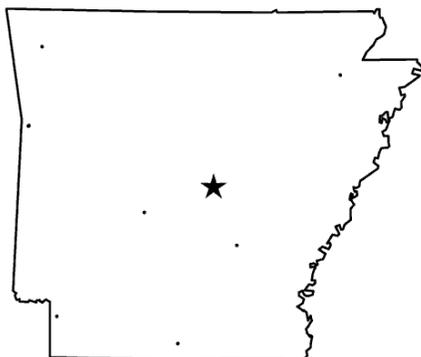
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When Martin Van Buren was our 8th President, Arkansas became the 25th state and Michigan became the 26th state. Find and color Arkansas and Michigan on the map.

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President Van Buren had a big responsibility when he was elected President. The United States had grown from 13 states to 26 states. People who lived in northern states like New York and Massachusetts did not always agree with people who lived in southern states like Virginia and North Carolina. He believed that Americans could work together even when they disagreed.

Two things they couldn't agree on were money and slavery. After President Van Buren was defeated and left Washington D.C., arguments continued for twenty years and led to the Civil War.

The United States of America almost broke apart and this made President Van Buren very sad as he had worked hard to help Americans work together. President Van Buren died during the Civil War. Had he lived, he may have said the end of the Civil War meant that Americans need to keep working together.

