

Colonial Trades: Making Community Work

Pre-visit Activity

This is an exercise about work and trade in Dorchester around the time of the Revolution. It is a role-playing activity in which each student will take on the character of someone who actually lived in Dorchester. During the onsite program, students will play a bartering game in which they will be asked to play the part of their characters.

Goal: Students will learn about different kinds of work that people did in late-eighteenth-century Dorchester and about the ways in which individuals traded with each other within their community. They will also become familiar with who Samuel Pierce was.

Introduction: For over forty years (1767-1815) Samuel Pierce kept an account book in which he tracked many of his economic relationships with other people in Dorchester and the surrounding areas. For each individual he recorded what he received on a right hand page and what he gave on the facing page. In order to track the exchanges, monetary values were given to each good or service and the accounts were often carried over years. For this exercise, the monetary values have been removed and the exchanges have been simplified. Some of the character sheets do demonstrate the fact that both sides of a transaction did not always happen at the same time.

Process:

1.) Before passing out the character worksheets, please briefly go over the following points:

a.) Trade, barter, and exchange are words that are used to describe when people trade goods or services instead of using money to purchase them. Tradespeople made various goods that they could then exchange with other people. According to *The American Heritage Dictionary*,

Exchange: to provide goods or services in return for something of equal value

Trade (*verb*): to give in exchange for something else

Barter: to trade goods or services without the exchange of money

Trade (*noun*): an occupation, especially one requiring skilled labor

b.) Samuel Pierce was a farmer who lived in Dorchester around the time of the American Revolution. He kept an account book in which he recorded what he traded with other people in Dorchester

c.) Samuel Pierce traded with other farmers, with hired hands, and with various tradespeople.

d.) Each student will become an actual person from Dorchester who traded with Samuel Pierce.

2.) Pass out the worksheets. Tell the students that the front side of the worksheet will tell them about their character and that they should read the text and look at the images before answering the questions. After they have finished the front of the worksheets, explain to them that the back side of the worksheet will tell them about the trading that they do with Samuel Pierce. Explain that the graph comes from the account book and that once again they should read all of the text and look at the images before answering the questions. Explain to the students that when they visit the Pierce House they will have the opportunity to play their characters in a game about bartering.

3.) If there is time, the students can then be broken up into small groups and introduce themselves to each other stating their name and occupation and explaining what they exchange with Samuel Pierce.

Colonial Trades Character Sheets

Following are character sheets that are based on Samuel Pierce's account book (1767-1815). The names and occupations are real. We have simplified the characters by classifying them as farmer, hired hand, or tradesperson. In rural Dorchester, many of the tradespeople probably also worked as farmers and some of the farmers also had a trade on the side. For example, Samuel Pierce was primarily a farmer but also did some carpentry and mason work. When stated, the age and relationship to Samuel Pierce is real. The information contained in the graphs comes from Samuel Pierce's account book. The rest of the information is based on what we know about farming, work, and home life in the late-eighteenth-century.



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Samuel Howe

shoemaker

You are Samuel Howe, a shoemaker living in Dorchester. You make shoes with leather. You measure the leather and cut it into several pieces - three layers for the sole, or bottom, of the shoe; and another piece for the top. You then sew the pieces together with waxed thread. Your work is not very hard and you spend most of the day sitting at your workbench. You are very busy though, as people often need new shoes for themselves and their children.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

What is the name of your job? _____

What do you make? _____

What do you like best about your job? _____



A shoemaker sits in his shop sewing shoes.



You make fancy shoes with buckles and tall boots for farmers.

Samuel Howe

Like most people in Dorchester, your favorite drink is apple cider and you have it with almost every meal. As a shoemaker, you don't have enough time to make your own cider, but you know a farmer, named Samuel Pierce, who has extra cider that he made. You also know that he needs a new pair of shoes.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Samuel Howe gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Samuel Howe
Sept. 17, 1779	one pair of shoes	Nov. 3, 1781	6 barrels of cider

Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

Where do these things come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



Samuel Pierce gives you cider in large wood barrels like this one.

Samuel Tolman blacksmith

You are Samuel Tolman, a blacksmith in Dorchester. You are 30 years old. In your shop, you make metal tools, like axes, and iron shoes for horses and oxen. To make these things you take iron (a type of metal), heat it in a special oven called a forge, and then beat it with a hammer to change its shape. You have to hit the iron very hard and so you are very strong. The forge makes the inside of your shop very hot and you wear a long leather apron to protect yourself from the fire and the hot iron.

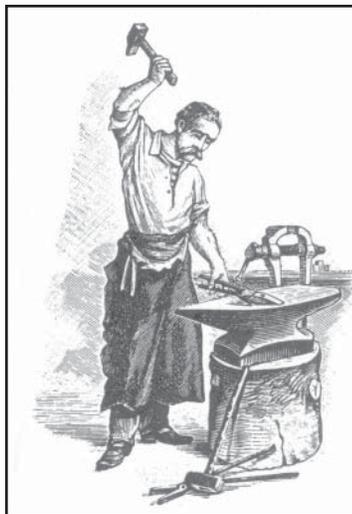
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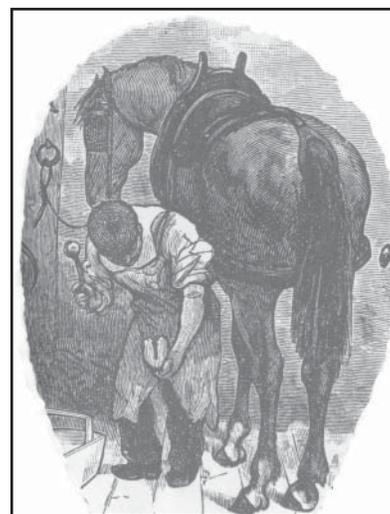
What is the name of your job? _____

What do you make? _____

What do you like best about your job? _____



A blacksmith hits hot metal with a hammer to change the metal's shape.



A blacksmith puts a new iron shoe on a horse's foot.

Samuel Tolman

Like most people in Dorchester, your favorite drink is apple cider. You have it with almost every meal. As a blacksmith you don't have time to make your own apple cider. You know a farmer, Samuel Pierce, who makes more cider than he needs though. He will give you some in exchange for new iron shoes for his horse.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Samuel Tolman gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Samuel Tolman
Dec. 22, 1784	New shoes for a horse	June 15, 1785	One barrel of cider

Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

Where do these things come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



Samuel Pierce gives you cider in large wood barrels like this one.



As a blacksmith, you make horseshoes like this one. The metal horseshoes protect the horse's hooves.

Ezekiel Tolman shoemaker

You are Ezekiel Tolman, a shoemaker in Dorchester. You are 59 years old. You make shoes with leather. You measure the leather and cut it into several pieces - three layers for the sole, or bottom, of the shoe; and another piece for the top. You then sew the pieces together with waxed thread. Your work is not very hard and you spend most of the day sitting at your workbench. You are very busy though as people often need new shoes for themselves and their children.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

What is the name of your job? _____

What do you make? _____

What do you like best about your job? _____



A shoemaker sits in his shop sewing shoes.



You make fancy shoes with buckles and tall boots for farmers.

Ezekiel Tolman

Sometimes when you have free time you go fishing for eels in Half Moon Pond with friends. Whenever you bring eels home, your wife Sarah makes boiled potatoes to go with them and it is one of your favorite meals. While you can catch the eels yourself, you don't have the time to grow the potatoes. Luckily you know a farmer, Samuel Pierce who grows potatoes. You also know that he needs new shoes for his children.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Ezekiel Tolman gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Ezekiel Tolman
March 20, 1799	One pair of shoes	March 1799	One bushel of potatoes

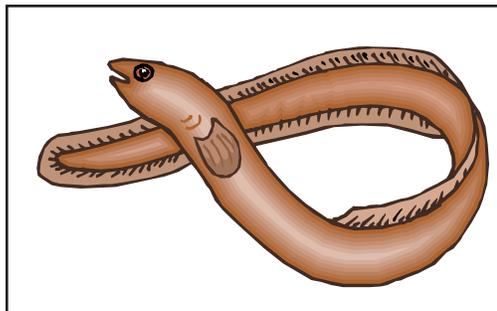
Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

Where do these things come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



Eels are long fish that look like snakes.
You catch them using a net.

Ebenezer Vose

blacksmith

You are Ebenezer Vose, a blacksmith in Dorchester. In your shop, you make metal tools, like axes, and iron shoes for horses and oxen. To make these things you take iron (a type of metal), heat it in a special oven called a forge, and then beat it with a hammer to change its shape. You have to hit the iron very hard and so you are very strong. The forge makes the inside of your shop very hot and you wear a long leather apron to protect yourself from the fire and the hot iron.

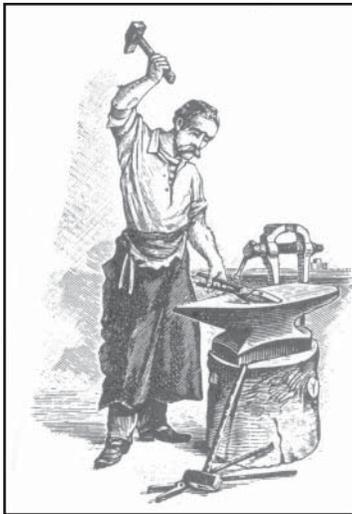
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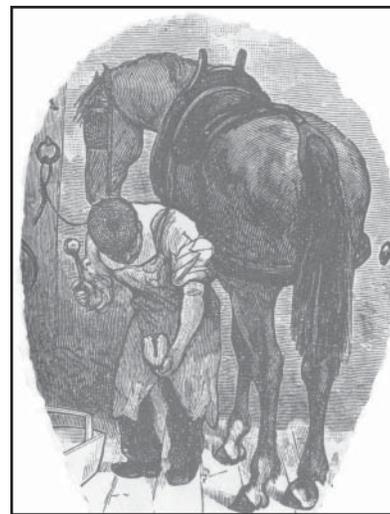
What is the name of your job? _____

What do you make? _____

What do you like best about your job? _____



A blacksmith hits hot metal with a hammer to change the metal's shape.



A blacksmith puts a new iron shoe on a horse's foot.

Ebenezer Vose

Even though you are not a farmer, you own a cow. Everyday you milk your cow. Sometimes your wife also milks the cow and she makes butter and cheese out of the milk. Your wife is very good at making cheese. You also feed the cow hay everyday. Because you are a blacksmith you do not grow your own hay. You know a farmer, Samuel Pierce, though, and he grows hay. He also needs new iron shoes for his ox.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Ebenezer Vose gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Ebenezer Vose
March 23, 1776	New shoes for an ox	Nov. 13, 1776	One load of hay

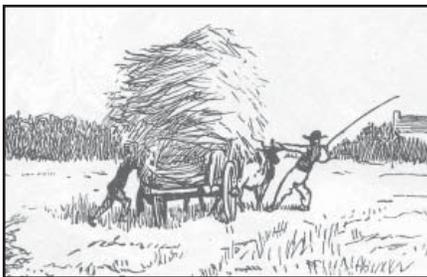
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What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

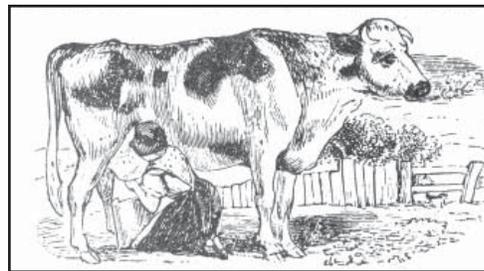
Where do these things come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



Two farmers haul a load of hay piled high on a cart. The cart is pulled by an ox.



This woman milks her family's cow every morning.

Desire Tolman shoemaker

You are Desire Tolman, a shoemaker in Dorchester. You are 37 years old. You make shoes with leather. You measure the leather and cut it into several pieces - three layers for the sole, or bottom, of the shoe; and another piece for the top. You then sew the pieces together with waxed thread. Your work is not very hard and you spend most of the day sitting at your workbench. You are very busy though, as people often need new shoes for themselves and their children. Sometime you also fix people's old shoes.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

What is the name of your job? _____

What do you make? _____

What do you like best about your job? _____



A shoemaker sits in his shop sewing shoes.



You make fancy shoes with buckles and tall boots for farmers.

Desire Tolman

Like many of your neighbors, your family eats a great deal of barley, which is a grain like wheat. Your wife Sarah makes bread with barley and uses it to thicken her soup. As a shoemaker, you don't have enough land to grow your own barley. Sometimes though, when you make shoes for a farmer like Samuel Pierce, he gives you barley in trade.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Desire Tolman gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Desire Tolman
1785	Two pairs of shoes	1785	Two bushels of barley

Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

Where do these things come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____

Your wife cooks soup thickened with barley in a big pot in a fireplace like the one in the picture. She also bakes bread in a brick oven like the one on the right.



Mica Simmons wheelwright

You are Mica Simmons, a wheelwright in Dorchester. You make wheels for horse carts used for hauling things like wood, and wheels for carriages that people use to travel in. Making wheels is complicated and requires a great deal of knowledge. You start with the center of a wheel, called a hub, which you carve out of wood. You then carve long spokes out of wood and hammer them into holes in the hub. To make the outside of the wheel, you carve seven pieces of wood so that they are long and curved and when set end to end form a circle, called a rim. After you attach the rim to the ends of the spokes, you add a tire made of iron that makes the wheel strong.

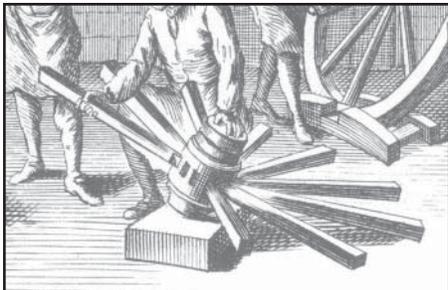
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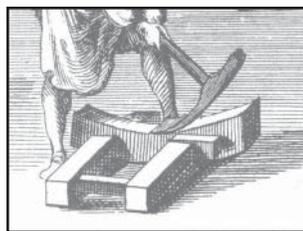
What is the name of your job? _____

What do you make? _____

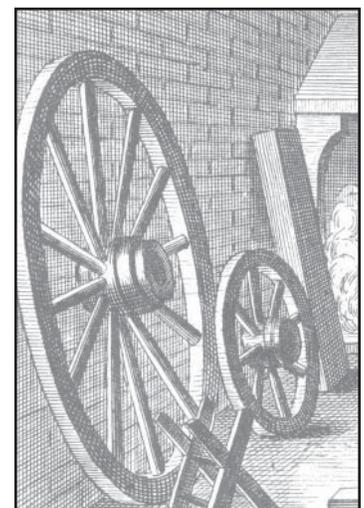
What do you like best about your job? _____



A wheelwright puts spokes on a center hub.



Then the wheelwright carves pieces of wood so that they are rounded. Seven pieces like this will make the large circle called a rim.



This is what the wheel looks like after the rim is placed around the spokes.

Mica Simmons

Like most people in Dorchester, you eat a lot of corn. Most of the time you grind it into cornmeal and then your wife makes bread out of it. As a wheelwright you do not have time to grow your own corn. You do know a farmer, Samuel Pierce, though, and he grows extra corn. He also needs new wheels for his chaise. Say “shase” and look at the picture below.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce’s account book.

Date	Mica Simmons gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Mica Simmons
Nov. 1791	One pair of wheels for a chaise	Jan. 2, 1792	Two bushels of corn

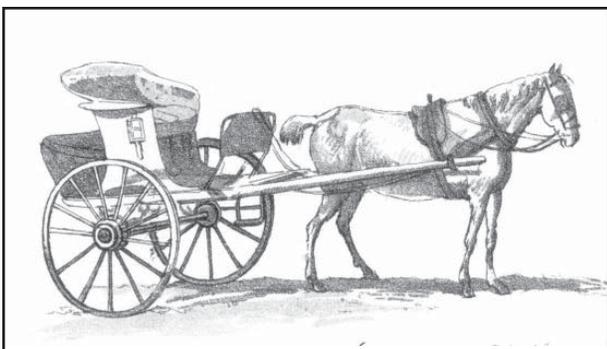
Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

Where do these things come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



This carriage is called a chaise. Samuel Pierce and his wife Elizabeth ride a chaise like this one to go to church and visit friends.



This woman shapes a loaf of bread that she will bake in the brick oven on the right.

Timothy Foster wheelwright

You are Timothy Foster, a wheelwright in Dorchester. You make wheels for horse carts used for hauling things like wood and wheels for carriages that people use to travel in. Making wheels is complicated and requires a great deal of knowledge. You start with the center of a wheel, called a hub, which you carve out of wood. You then carve long spokes out of wood and hammer them into holes in the hub. To make the outside of the wheel, you carve seven pieces of wood so that they are long and curved and when set end to end form a circle called a rim. After you attach the rim to the ends of the spokes, you add an iron tire that makes the wheel strong.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

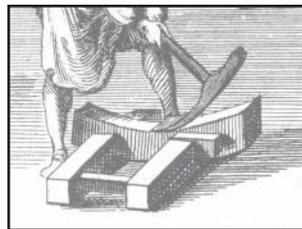
What is the name of your job? _____

What do you make? _____

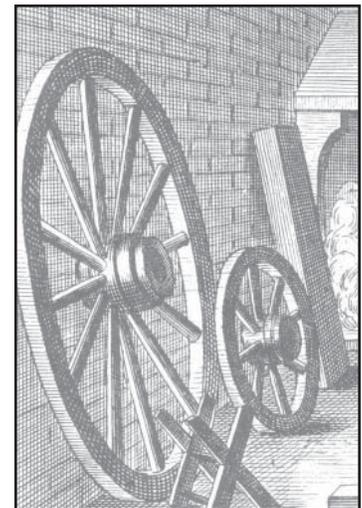
What do you like best about your job? _____



A wheelwright puts spokes on a center hub.



Then the wheelwright carves pieces of wood so that they are rounded. Seven pieces like this will make the large circle called a rim.



This is what the wheel looks like after the rim is placed around the spokes.

Timothy Foster

While most of the time you eat pork, your family also likes to eat beef. You get your beef directly from the farmer who raised and killed the cow. You know a farmer, Samuel Pierce, who raises cows and needs new wheels for his horse cart.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Timothy Foster gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Timothy Foster
June 16, 1786	One pair of wheels for a horse cart	May 30, 1786	Beef

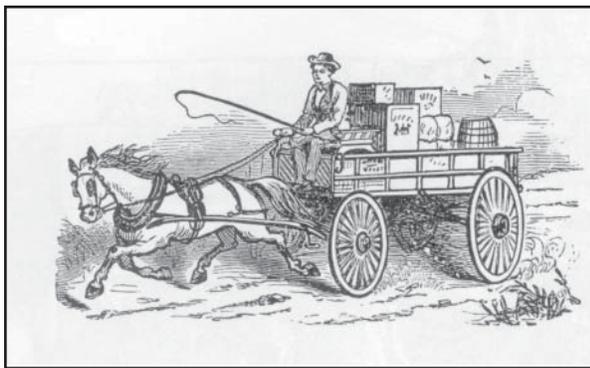
Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

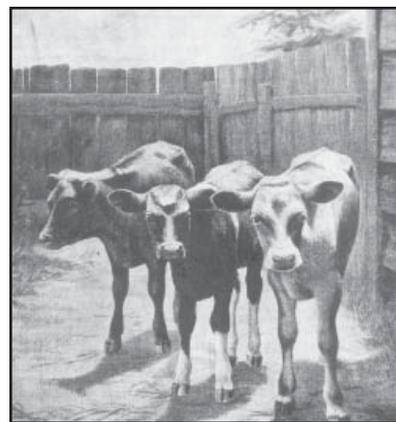
Where do these things come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



Samuel Pierce uses a horse cart like this one to haul goods to and from Boston.



Samuel Pierce raises cows for milk and meat. Some of the milk and meat his family eats and some of it he trades with other people like you.

John Tolman wheelwright

You are John Tolman, a wheelwright in Dorchester. You are 42 years old. You make wheels for horse carts used for hauling things like wood and wheels for carriages that people use to travel in. Making wheels is complicated and requires a great deal of knowledge. You start with the center of a wheel, called a hub, which you carve out of wood. You then carve long spokes out of wood and hammer them into holes in the hub. To make the outside of the wheel, you carve seven pieces of wood so that they are long and curved and when set end to end form a circle called a rim. After you attach the rim to the ends of the spokes, you add an iron tire that makes the wheel strong.

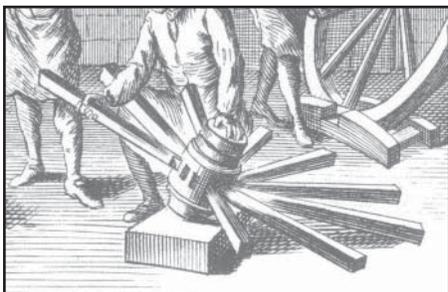
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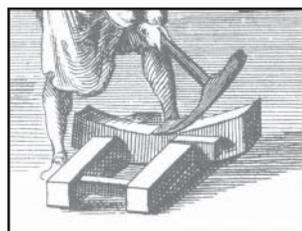
What is the name of your job? _____

What do you make? _____

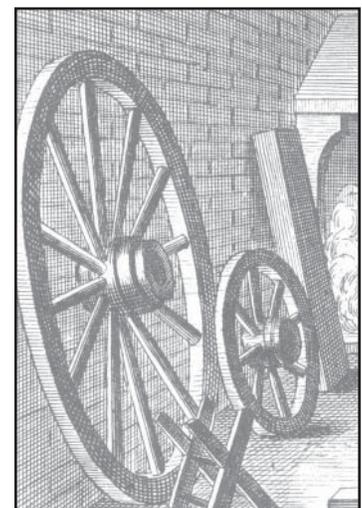
What do you like best about your job? _____



A wheelwright puts spokes on a center hub.



Then the wheelwright carves pieces of wood so that they are rounded. Seven pieces like this will make the large circle called a rim.



This is what the wheel looks like after the rim is placed around the spokes.

John Tolman

Like most people in Dorchester, your favorite drink is apple cider. You have it with almost every meal. As a wheelwright you don't have time to make your own apple cider. You know a farmer, Samuel Pierce, who makes more cider than he needs. You also know that one of the wheels on his horse cart broke recently.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	John Tolman gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to John Tolman
June 1780	New wheel for a horse cart	Oct. 20, 1780	28 barrels of cider

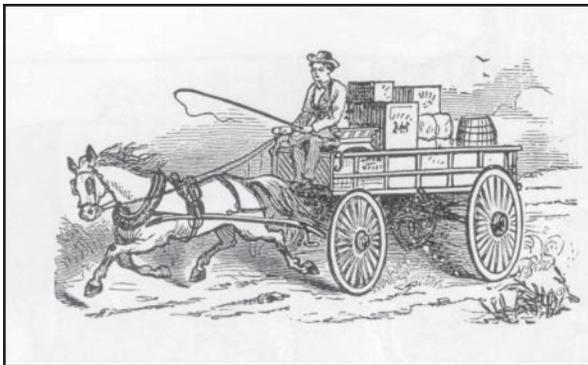
Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

Where do these things come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



Samuel Pierce uses a horse cart like this one to haul goods to and from Boston.



Samuel Pierce gives you cider in big wood barrels like this one.

Sarah Tolman

weaver

You are Sarah Tolman, a weaver in Dorchester. You are 28 years old. You take wool and linen yarn and weave it into cloth on a big loom (look at the picture below to find out what a loom looks like). All day long you sit at your loom and weave cloth. Your customers use your cloth to sew their own clothes, tablecloths, sheets, and other things for their homes.

Questions to answer:

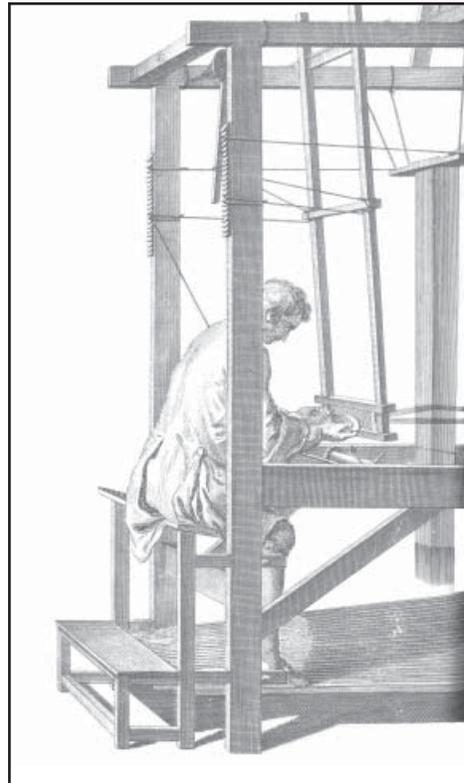
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What is the name of your job? _____

What do you make? _____

What do you like best about your job? _____

You work at a loom like the one in this picture. Your loom has a bench built into it so that you can sit while you work.



Sarah Tolman

While most of the time you eat pork, your family also likes to eat beef. You get your beef directly from the farmer who raised and killed the cow. You know a farmer, Samuel Pierce, who raises cows and who needs cloth. His wife is going to make him a new pair of pants.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Sarah Tolman gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Sarah Tolman
Oct. 17, 1774	16 yards of wool cloth	Dec. 6, 1775	88 pounds of beef

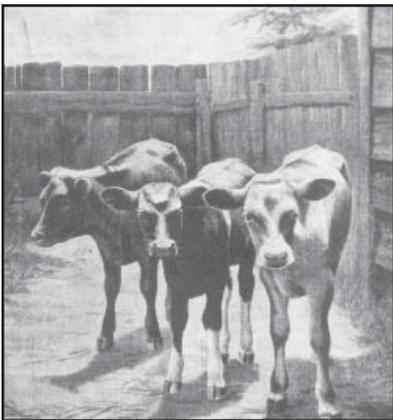
Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

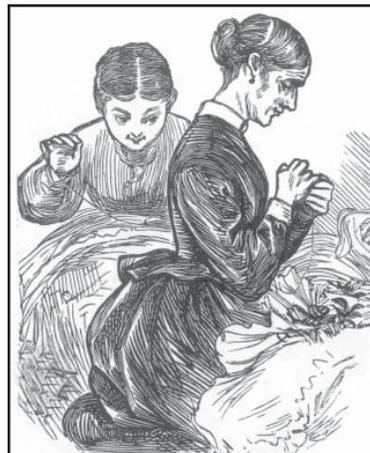
Where do these things come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



Samuel Pierce raises cows for milk and meat. Some of the milk and meat his family eats and some of it he trades with other people like you.



These woman are sewing clothes for their family. Samuel Pierce's wife sews most of the clothes that her family wears.

Justillion Soper weaver

You are Justillion Soper, a weaver in Dorchester. You take wool and linen yarn and weave it into cloth on a big loom (look at the picture below to find out what a loom looks like). All day long you sit at your loom and weave cloth. Your customers use your cloth to sew their own clothes, tablecloths, sheets, and other things for their homes.

Questions to answer:

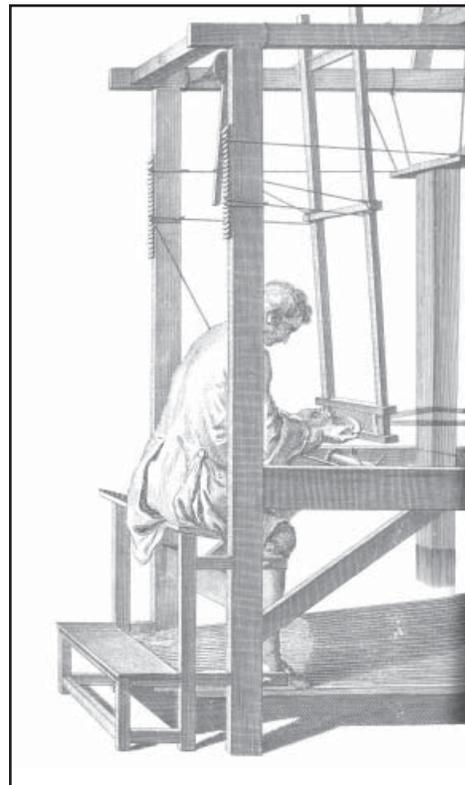
What is your new name? _____

What is the name of your job? _____

What do you make? _____

What do you like best about your job? _____

You work at a loom like the one in this picture. Your loom has a bench built into it so that the you can sit while you work.



Justillion Soper

Even though you are not a farmer, you own a cow. Everyday you milk your cow. Sometimes your wife also milks the cow and she makes butter and cheese out of the milk. Your wife is very good at making cheese. You also feed the cow hay everyday. Because you are a weaver you do not grow your own hay. You know a farmer, Samuel Pierce, though, and he grows hay. Right now he needs some cloth, because his wife wants to sew him some new pants.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Justillion Soper gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Justillion Soper
August 15, 1775	12 yards of wool cloth	Sept. 9, 1775	One load of hay

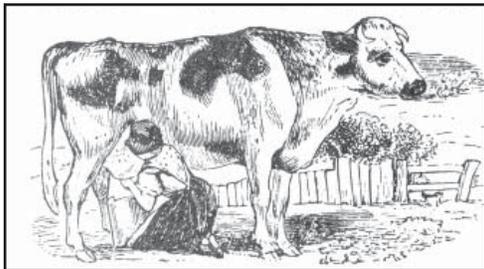
Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

Where do these things come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



This woman milks her family's cow every morning.



These woman are sewing clothes for their family. Samuel Pierce's wife sews most of the clothes that her family wears.

Thomas Leeds Sr. shoemaker

You are Thomas Leeds, a shoemaker in Dorchester. You make shoes with leather. You measure the leather and cut it into several pieces - three layers for the sole, or bottom, of the shoe; and another piece for the top. You then sew the pieces together with waxed thread. Your work is not very hard and you spend most of the day sitting at your workbench. You are very busy though as people often need new shoes for themselves and their children. Sometime you also fix people's old shoes.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

What is the name of your job? _____

What do you make? _____

What do you like best about your job? _____



A shoemaker sits in his shop sewing shoes.



You make fancy shoes with buckles and tall boots for farmers.

Thomas Leeds Sr.

Like most people in Dorchester, you and your family really enjoy eating apples. Your wife bakes them in pies, makes apple sauce, and stores apples in your cold cellar so that you can eat them during the winter. You don't have any apple trees of your own, but you know a farmer, Samuel Pierce, who grows more apples than his family can eat. He also needs a new pair of shoes.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Thomas Leeds gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave o Thomas Leeds
Aug. 21, 1790	One pair of shoes	Oct. 1796	One barrel of apples

Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

Where do these things come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



Samuel Pierce gives you apples in a wood barrel like this one.

Elizabeth Pierce spinster

You are Elizabeth Pierce, a spinster living in Dorchester. You are 59 years old and Samuel Pierce's aunt. You take wool from your sheep and spin it into yarn that people can use to knit hats and socks or to weave cloth. It takes a great deal of skill to make the yarn come out even and you spend many hours working at your spinning wheel.

Questions to answer

What is your new name? _____

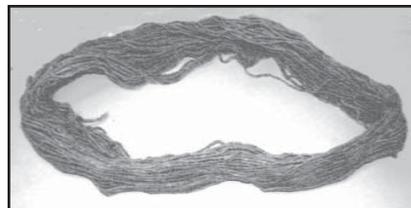
What is the name of your job? _____

What do you make? _____

What do you like best about your job? _____



An old woman sits and works at her spinning wheel. The tall frame behind her is called a winder. When she finishes spinning some wool into yarn, she winds it around the winder.



She then takes the yarn off of the winder.



Then she ties the yarn into a skein.

Elizabeth Pierce

You are an older woman and your husband died several years ago. You own a cow for milk, but you can no longer do the heavy work of feeding and milking it. Samuel Pierce, a farmer in Dorchester, keeps your cow at his house. He feeds and milks it for you and in exchange you give him some of the yarn that you have spun. His wife Elizabeth needs wool yarn to knit socks for her family.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Elizabeth Pierce gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Elizabeth Pierce
May 1780	13 skeins of wool yarn	Dec. 10, 1780	Keeping and feeding a cow

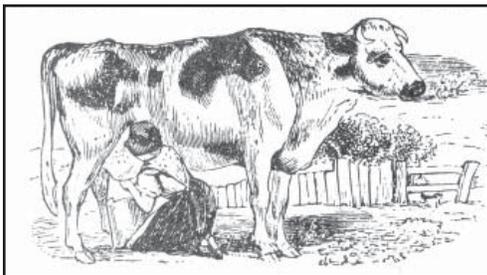
Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

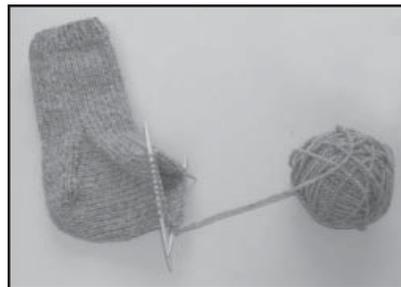
Where do these things come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce do for you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



This woman milks her family's cow everyday.



Samuel Pierce's wife Elizabeth knits socks for her family. The sock in the picture isn't finished yet and you can see the needles.

Abiel Foster spinster

You are Abiel Foster, a spinster living in Dorchester. You take wool from your sheep and spin it into yarn that people can use to knit hats and socks or to weave cloth. It takes a great deal of skill to make the yarn come out even and you spend many hours working at your spinning wheel.

Questions to answer

What is your new name? _____

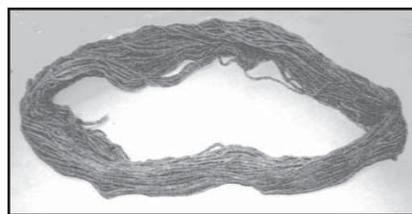
What is the name of your job? _____

What do you make? _____

What do you like best about your job? _____



An old woman sits and works at her spinning wheel. The tall frame behind her is called a winder. When she finishes spinning some wool into yarn, she winds it around the winder.



She then takes the yarn off of the winder.



Then she ties the yarn into a skein.

Abiel Foster

In your kitchen is a large fireplace where you cook all of your meals. It takes a lot of firewood to keep the fire going and there are no trees near your house that would make good firewood. You know a farmer, Samuel Pierce, though who owns many trees for firewood. His wife needs wool yarn to knit socks for her family.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Abiel Foster gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Abiel Foster
Oct. 15, 1776	29 skeins of wool yarn	Aug. 1, 1773	Firewood

Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

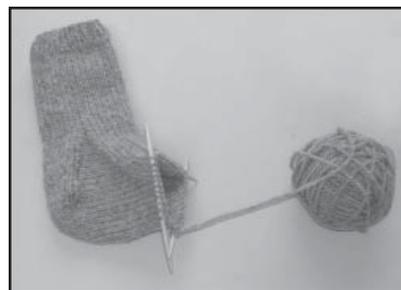
Where do these things come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



You do all of your cooking in a big fireplace like this one. It takes a lot of wood to keep the fire going.



Samuel Pierce's wife Elizabeth knits socks for her family. The sock in the picture isn't finished yet and you can see the needles.

Zebulon Crane

hired hand

You are Zebulon Crane, a hired hand in Dorchester. Being a hired hand means that you do farm work, but you do not own a farm of your own. The farmers in Dorchester hire you to work on their farms. Sometimes a farmer only needs you to work for a single day, but you like it better when they offer to pay you to work for a whole month or even a whole year. To pay you for your work, the farmers give you some money and also some goods, like clothes and vegetables.

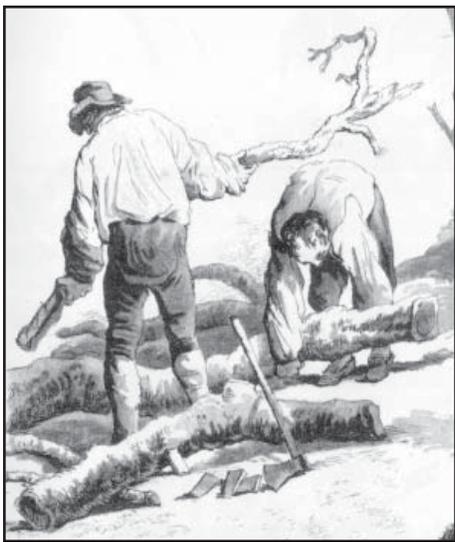
Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

What is the name of your job? _____

What do you do? _____

What do you like best about your job? _____



Hired hands cut down trees and chop them into pieces for firewood.



A hired hand plants seeds.



A hired hand helps a farmer haul a load of hay piled high on a cart.

Zebulon Crane

Samuel Pierce is a farmer that lives in Dorchester. Last month he gave you a load of wood to use in your fireplace. In exchange you agreed to help him chop wood.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Zebulon Crane gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Zebulon Crane
Dec. 13, 1776	One day chopping wood	Nov. 24, 1776	A load of wood

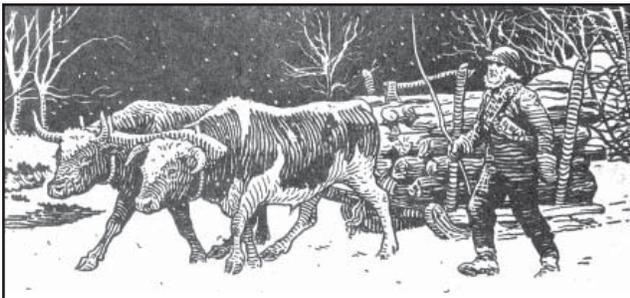
Questions to answer:

What do you do for Samuel Pierce? _____

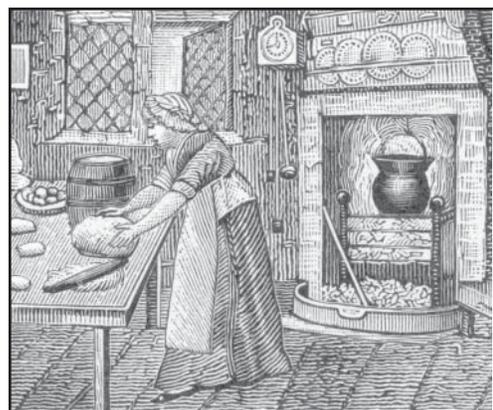
Why does he need you to do this? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



You help Sam Pierce to chop wood in the winter. When there is snow on the ground, the wood can be piled on a sled and the oxen pull the sled over the snow.



In your house is a fireplace where your wife does all of the cooking. It takes a lot of firewood to keep the fire going all the time.

Philip Withington farmer

You are Philip Withington, a farmer living in Dorchester. Most of the people who live in Dorchester are farmers like you. You grow corn, hay, apples, grains (like wheat, rye, and barley), and many vegetables like potatoes and carrots. You also raise animals like cows and pigs. The cows give you milk during the spring and summer and in the winter you kill the pigs and some of the cows for meat for your family to eat.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

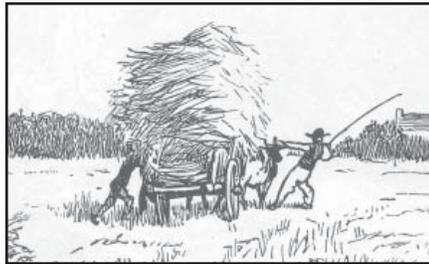
What is the name of your job? _____

What do you do? _____

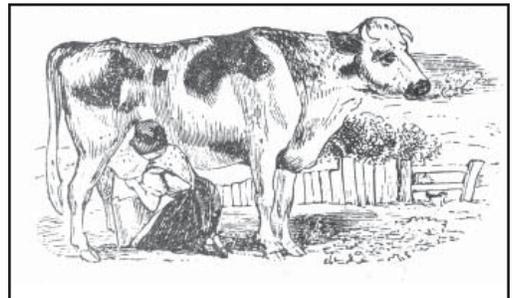
What do you like best about your job? _____



A farmer plants seeds.



Two farmers haul a load of hay piled high on a cart.



Farmers milk their cows twice a day.

Philip Withington

Sometimes when you are not very busy working on your farm, you help other farmers with their work. Then when you get really busy on your farm, some of them help you. This fall you need to build a new chimney for your house. You know a farmer, named Samuel Pierce, who is very good at building chimneys. He has agreed to come and help you build your chimney. In exchange you will help him to kill and butcher one of his cows.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Philip Withington gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Philip Withington
1787	Butcher a cow	Nov. 7, 1787	One day work on a chimney

Questions to answer:

What do you do for Samuel Pierce? _____

Why does he need you to do this? _____

What does Samuel Pierce do for you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



A farmer carefully removes the intestines from a cow before cutting the meat into pieces



This man is building a chimney out of brick.

Elisha Davenport

farmer

You are Elisha Davenport, a farmer living in Dorchester. Most of the people who live in Dorchester are farmers like you. You grow corn, hay, apples, grains (like wheat, rye, and barley), and many vegetables like potatoes and carrots. You also raise animals like cows and pigs. The cows give you milk during the spring and summer and in the winter you kill the pigs and some of the cows for meat for your family to eat.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

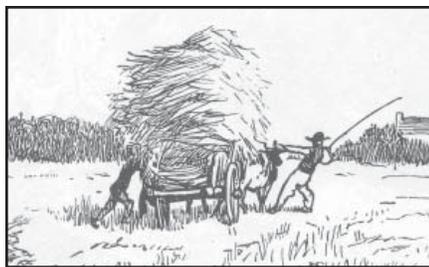
What is the name of your job? _____

What do you do? _____

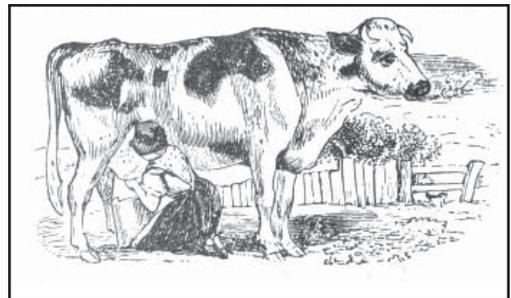
What do you like best about your job? _____



A farmer plants seeds.



Two farmers haul a load of hay piled high on a cart.



Farmers milk their cows twice a day.

Elisha Davenport

Sometimes when you are not very busy working on your farm, you help other farmers with their work. Then when you get really busy on your farm, some of them help you. A farmer you know, named Samuel Pierce, needs help mending the fence around the pasture where he keeps his cows. If he doesn't mend the fence today, his cows will wander out of the pasture. You have agreed to help him fix his fence and he has agreed to help you plow your fields in exchange.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Elisha Davenport gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Elisha Davenport
May 13, 1784	One day mending a fence	May 17, 1784	Half a day plowing

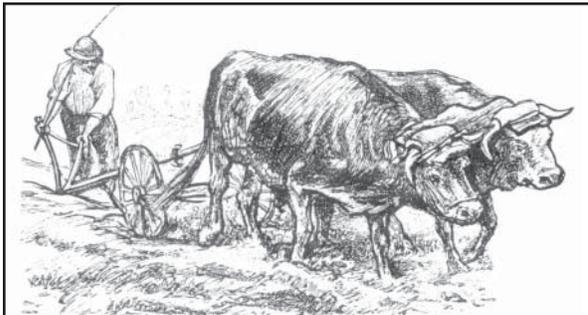
Questions to answer:

What do you do for Samuel Pierce? _____

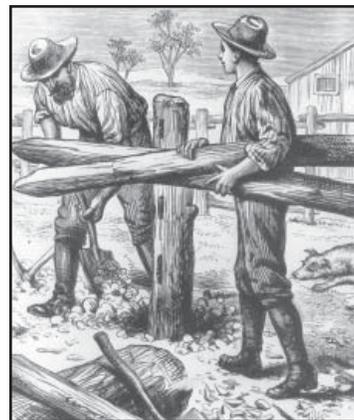
Why does he need you to do this? _____

What does Samuel Pierce do for you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



Oxen pull the plow. The plow breaks up the ground, and then the farmer plants his seeds.



One man sets a post for a fence into the ground. The other holds the cross beams that will run from one post to the next.

Daniel Leeds

farmer

You are Daniel Leeds, a farmer living in Dorchester. Most of the people who live in Dorchester are farmers like you. You grow corn, hay, apples, grains (like wheat, rye, and barley), and many vegetables like potatoes and carrots. You also raise animals like cows and pigs. The cows give you milk during the spring and summer and in the winter you kill the pigs and some of the cows for meat for your family to eat.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

What is the name of your job? _____

What do you do? _____

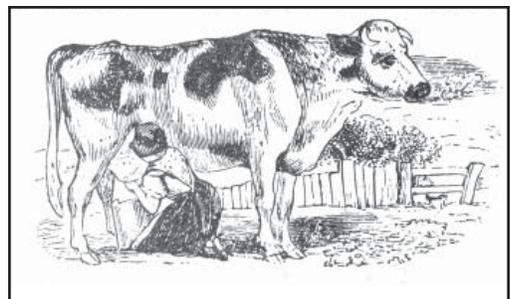
What do you like best about your job? _____



A farmer plants seeds.



Two farmers haul a load of hay piled high on a cart.



Farmers milk their cows twice a day.

Daniel Leeds

Like most people in Dorchester, your favorite drink is apple cider and you have it with almost every meal. You don't grow enough apples on your farm to make cider, but you know a farmer, named Samuel Pierce, who makes more cider than his family can drink. This year you have extra rye flour. Rye flour is like wheat and makes delicious bread. Samuel Pierce has agreed to give you some of his cider in exchange for your rye flour.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Daniel Leeds gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Daniel Leeds
Nov. 3, 1777	10 bushels of rye flour	Oct. 16, 1777	3 barrels of cider

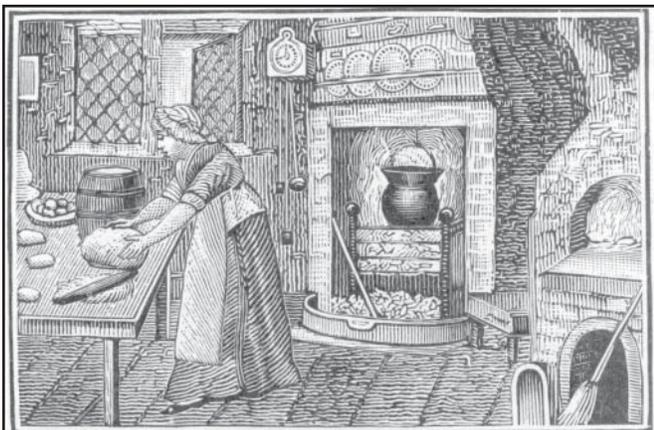
Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

Where do get this? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



A farmer's wife is shaping a loaf of bread that she will bake in the brick oven on the right.



Samuel Pierce gives you cider in big wood barrels like this one.

Jonathon Pierce

farmer

You are Jonathon Pierce, a farmer living in Dorchester. You are 32 years old and Samuel Pierce's cousin. Most of the people who live in Dorchester are farmers like you. You grow corn, hay, apples, grains (like wheat, rye, and barley), and many vegetables like potatoes and carrots. You also raise animals like cows and pigs. The cows give you milk during the spring and summer and in the winter you kill the pigs and some of the cows for meat for your family to eat.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

What is the name of your job? _____

What do you do? _____

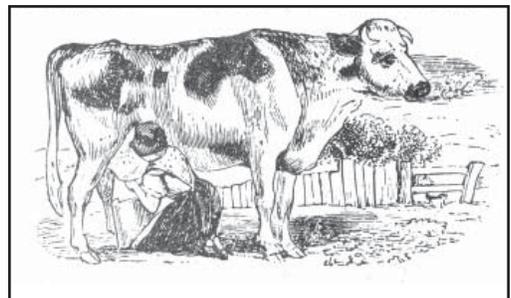
What do you like best about your job? _____



A farmer plants seeds.



Two farmers haul a load of hay piled high on a cart.



Farmers milk their cows twice a day.

Jonathon Pierce

You grow hay to feed to your cows. This year you have grown more hay than you will need. You would like to sell some of it in the market in Boston, but you do not have time to take the hay to Boston yourself. You know a farmer, Samuel Pierce, who goes to Boston often. He has agreed to take your hay to Boston for you and you have agreed to give him a young cow that you raised in exchange.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Jonathon Pierce gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Jonathon Pierce
1781	One heifer (a young cow)	March 26, 1781	Carting hay to Boston

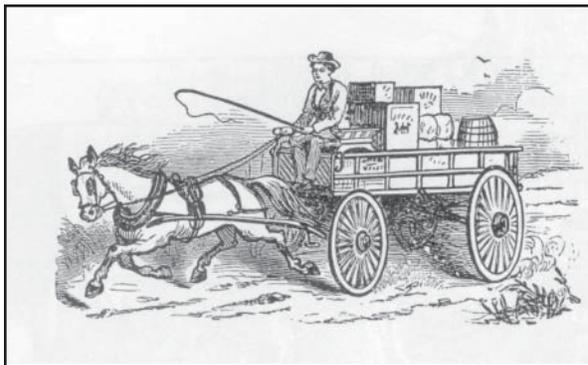
Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

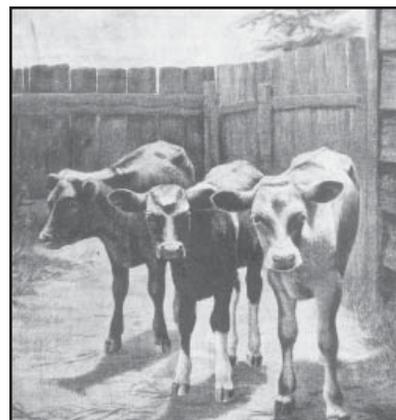
Where does this come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce do for you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



Samuel Pierce uses a horse cart like this one to haul goods to and from Boston.



You raise cows for both meat and milk. Some of the meat and milk your family eats. Sometimes when you trade with people you give them milk, meat, or even a whole cow.

Clark Roberts

hired hand

You are Clark Roberts, a hired hand in Dorchester. Being a hired hand means that you do farm work, but you do not own a farm of your own. The farmers in Dorchester hire you to work on their farms. Sometimes a farmer only needs you to work for a single day, but you like it better when they offer to pay you to work for a whole month or even a whole year. To pay you for your work, the farmers give you some money and also some goods, like clothes and vegetables.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

What is the name of your job? _____

What do you do? _____

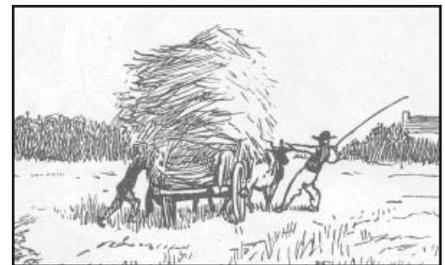
What do you like best about your job? _____



Hired hands cut down trees and chop them into pieces for firewood.



A hired hand plants seeds.



A hired hand helps a farmer haul a load of hay piled high on a cart.

Clark Roberts

The farmer Samuel Pierce has a large farm and he is always very busy in May when he plants his vegetables and his corn seeds. This May he is sick and can't do all of the work by himself. He wants you to work for a month to help him with the planting. While you are working he will give you shoes and clothes and then when the month is over he will also pay you some money. The work will not be easy. You will do many different jobs on the farm and have to do whatever Samuel Pierce tells you to do, but he is offering you many things in exchange for your work.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Clark Roberts gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Clark Roberts
May 1785	Work for one month	May 1785	Trousers (a pair of pants) One pair of shoes
		June 11, 1785	Cash

Questions to answer:

What do you do for Samuel Pierce? _____

Why does he need you to do this? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____

One of the jobs that you do for Sam Pierce is mowing hay. You use a large tool called a scythe like the one in the picture. You swing the scythe close to the ground to cut the hay.



Abiather Wilson farmer

You are Abiather Wilson, a farmer living in Dorchester. Most of the people who live in Dorchester are farmers like you. You grow corn, hay, apples, grains (like wheat, rye, and barley), and many vegetables like potatoes and carrots. You also raise animals like cows and pigs. The cows give you milk during the spring and summer and in the winter you kill the pigs and some of the cows for meat for your family to eat.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

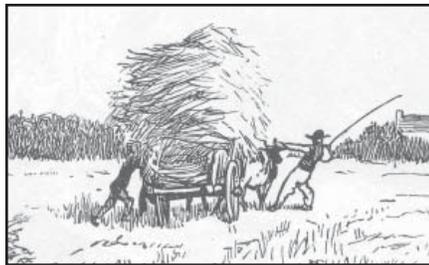
What is the name of your job? _____

What do you do? _____

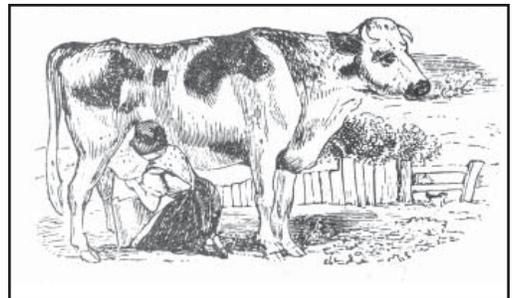
What do you like best about your job? _____



A farmer plants seeds.



Two farmers haul a load of hay piled high on a cart.



Farmers milk their cows twice a day.

Abiather Wilson

Like most people in Dorchester, your favorite drink is apple cider and you have it with almost every meal. You don't grow enough apples on your farm to make cider, but you know a farmer, named Samuel Pierce, who makes more cider than his family can drink. Samuel Pierce has agreed to give you some of his cider if you spend a day mowing hay on his farm.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Abiather Wilson gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Abiather Wilson
July 10, 1782	One day of mowing hay	July 10, 1782	Half barrel of cider

Questions to answer:

What do you do for Samuel Pierce? _____

Why does he need you to do this? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



Sam Pierce gives you cider in large wood barrels like this one.



To mow hay you use a large tool called a scythe like the one in the picture. You swing the scythe close to the ground to cut the hay.

George Payson housewright

You are George Payson, a housewright living in Dorchester. You build houses and barns for people. Building a house or a barn is complicated and requires a great deal of knowledge. You first build a frame and then cover it with boards for the walls and the floors and then you add a roof that you protect by covering with shingles. You make the window frames and doors and build staircases. Sometimes people who already own a home or a barn ask you to make repairs for them.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

What is the name of your job? _____

What do you make? _____

What do you like best about your job? _____



A housewright makes a door for a house that he is building.

George Payson

You are building a house and need to buy shingles in Boston. You don't have time right now to go all the way to Boston, but you know a farmer, named Samuel Pierce, who often goes to Boston and he has agreed to bring your shingles back to Dorchester in his cart. In exchange, you have agreed to replace the rotten wood floor in his old barn.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	George Payson gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to George Payson
June 3, 1794	Three days of working on Samuel Pierce's barn	Dec. 24, 1793	Carting 10,000 shingles from Boston

Questions to answer:

What do you do for Samuel Pierce? _____

Why does he need you to do this? _____

What does Samuel Pierce do for you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



Housewrights put shingles on a roof.

David Thompson

hired hand

You are David Thompson, a hired hand in Dorchester. Being a hired hand means that you do farm work, but you do not own a farm of your own. The farmers in Dorchester hire you to work on their farms. Sometimes a farmer only needs you to work for a single day, but you like it better when they offer to pay you to work for a whole month or even a whole year. To pay you for your work, the farmers give you some money and also some goods, like clothes and vegetables.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

What is the name of your job? _____

What do you do? _____

What do you like best about your job? _____



Hired hands cut down trees and chop them into pieces for firewood



A hired hand plants seeds.



A hired hand helps a farmer haul a load of hay piled high on a cart.

David Thompson

The farmer Samuel Pierce has a large farm and he has decided that for the next year he is going to need someone to help him. The work will not be easy. You will do many different jobs on the farm and have to do whatever Samuel Pierce tells you to do, but he is offering you many things in exchange for your work, and you are glad to have a job that will last for a whole year.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	David Thompson gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to David Thompson
1789 cash	Work for one year	1789	Shoes, clothes, an ax, and

Questions to answer:

What do you do for Samuel Pierce? _____

Why does he need you to do this? _____

What does Samuel Pierce give to you? _____

Why do you need this? _____

One of the jobs that you do for Sam Pierce is mowing hay. You use a large tool called a scythe like the one in the picture. You swing the scythe close to the ground to cut the hay.



Edward Foster

farmer

You are Edward Foster, a farmer living in Dorchester. Most of the people who live in Dorchester are farmers like you. You grow corn, hay, apples, grains (like wheat, rye, and barley), and many vegetables like potatoes and carrots. You also raise animals like cows and pigs. The cows give you milk during the spring and summer and in the winter you kill the pigs and some of the cows for meat for your family to eat.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

What is the name of your job? _____

What do you do? _____

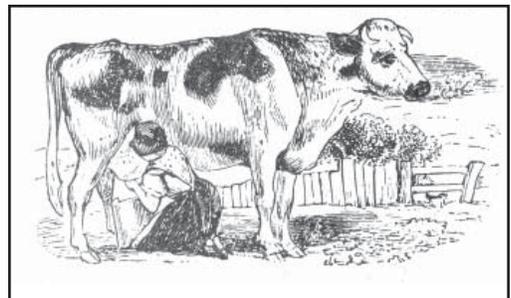
What do you like best about your job? _____



A farmer plants seeds.



Two farmers haul a load of hay piled high on a cart.



Farmers milk their cows twice a day.

Edward Foster

Like most people in Dorchester, your favorite drink is apple cider and you have it with almost every meal. You grow apples on your farm, but you don't have a cider mill to press the apples and make cider. You know a farmer, named Samuel Pierce, though, and if you give him your apples he will make them into cider for you using his cider mill. Two months ago you spent a day helping him by mowing the hay in his fields. In exchange, he has agreed to use his press to make cider out of your apples.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Edward Foster gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Edward Foster
Sept. 7, 1780	One day of mowing hay	Nov. 13, 1780	Making 5 barrels of

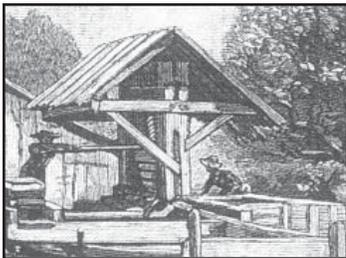
Questions to answer:

What do you do for Samuel Pierce? _____

Why does he need you to do this? _____

What does Samuel Pierce do for you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



This is a cider mill. Apples are put in the center. Then the man on the left uses the long lever to squeeze the juice out of the apples.



To mow hay you use a large tool called a scythe like the one in the picture. You swing the scythe close to the ground to cut the hay.

Thomas Leeds Jr.

farmer

You are Thomas Leeds, a farmer living in Dorchester. Most of the people who live in Dorchester are farmers like you. You grow corn, hay, apples, grains (like wheat, rye, and barley), and many vegetables like potatoes and carrots. You also raise animals like cows and pigs. The cows give you milk during the spring and summer and in the winter you kill the pigs and some of the cows for meat for your family to eat.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

What is the name of your job? _____

What do you do? _____

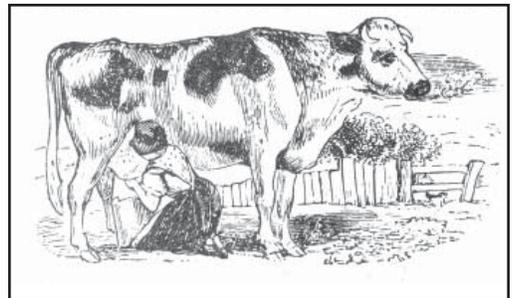
What do you like best about your job? _____



A farmer plants seeds.



Two farmers haul a load of hay piled high on a cart.



Farmers milk their cows twice a day.

Thomas Leeds Jr.

Sometimes when you are not very busy working on your farm, you help other farmers with their work. Then when you get really busy on your farm, some of them help you. This fall a farmer, named Samuel Pierce, needs help picking apples from his orchards. You have agreed to help and in exchange Samuel Pierce has agreed to plow your garden next spring.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Thomas Leeds gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Thomas Leeds
Sept. 20, 1793	One day picking Pierce's apples	April 10, 1794	Plowing Leeds' garden

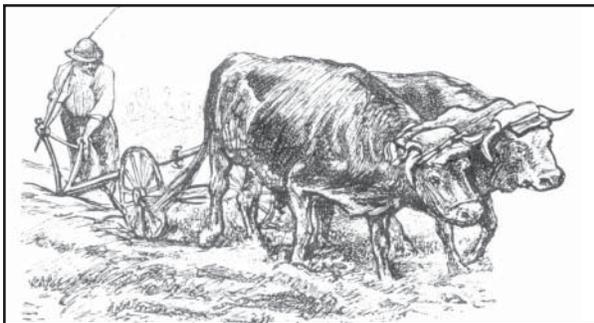
Questions to answer:

What do you do for Samuel Pierce? _____

Why does he need you to do this? _____

What does Samuel Pierce do for you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



Oxen pull the plow. The plow breaks up the ground, and then the farmer plants his seeds.



Two farmers pick apples and load them into a cart.

Joseph Howe farmer

You are Joseph Howe, a farmer living in Dorchester. Most of the people who live in Dorchester are farmers like you. You grow corn, hay, apples, grains (like wheat, rye, and barley), and many vegetables like potatoes and carrots. You also raise animals like cows and pigs. The cows give you milk during the spring and summer and in the winter you kill the pigs and some of the cows for meat for your family to eat.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

What is the name of your job? _____

What do you do? _____

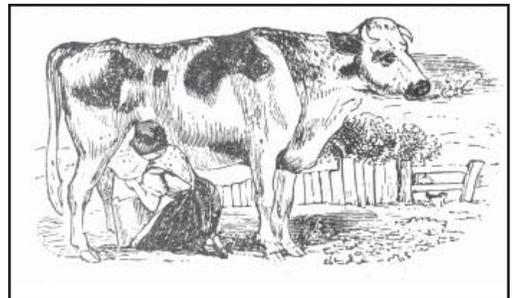
What do you like best about your job? _____



A farmer plants seeds.



Two farmers haul a load of hay piled high on a cart.



Farmers milk their cows twice a day.

Joseph Howe

Like most people in Dorchester, your favorite drink is apple cider and you have it with almost every meal. You grow apples on your farm, but you don't have a cider mill to press the apples and make cider. You know a farmer, named Samuel Pierce, though, and he will let you use his cider mill. In exchange you have agreed to give him a calf (baby cow) when your cow gives birth in the spring.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Joseph Howe gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Joseph Howe
May 1800	A calf	Nov. 26, 1799	Use of Pierce's cider mill to make cider

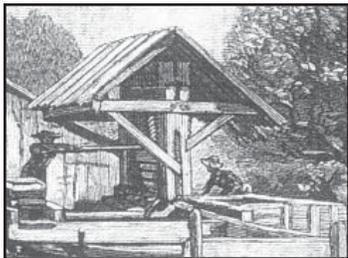
Questions to answer:

What do you give to Samuel Pierce? _____

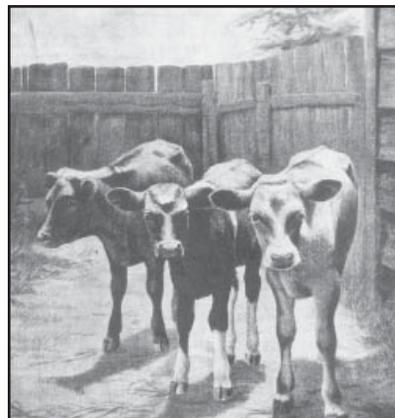
Where does this come from? _____

What does Samuel Pierce do for you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



This is a cider mill. Apples are put in the center. Then the man on the left uses the long lever to squeeze the juice out of the apples.



Samuel Pierce raises cows for both meat and milk. Some of the meat and milk his family eats. Some of it he trades with other people.

Robert Pierce farmer

You are Robert Pierce, a farmer living in Dorchester. You are 45 years old and one of Samuel Pierce's cousins. Most of the people who live in Dorchester are farmers like you. You grow corn, hay, apples, grains (like wheat, rye, and barley), and many vegetables like potatoes and carrots. You also raise animals like cows and pigs. The cows give you milk during the spring and summer and in the winter you kill the pigs and some of the cows for meat for your family to eat.

Questions to answer:

What is your new name? _____

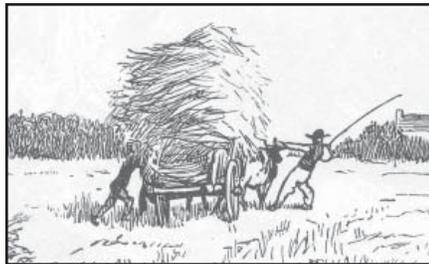
What is the name of your job? _____

What do you do? _____

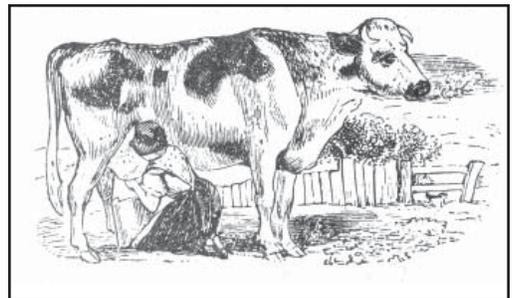
What do you like best about your job? _____



A farmer plants seeds.



Two farmers haul a load of hay piled high on a cart.



Farmers milk their cows twice a day.

Robert Pierce

Sometimes when you are not very busy working on your farm, you help other farmers with their work. Then when you get really busy on your farm, some of them help you. This spring you need some extra help plowing your fields. You know a farmer, named Samuel Pierce, who has some extra time. He has agreed to come and help you plow your fields. In exchange you will help him to kill two of his hogs (male pigs) next winter.

Look at the diagram below from Samuel Pierce's account book.

Date	Robert Pierce gave to Samuel Pierce	Date	Samuel Pierce gave to Robert Pierce
1781	Killing two hogs	May 28, 1781	One day plowing Robert Pierce's fields

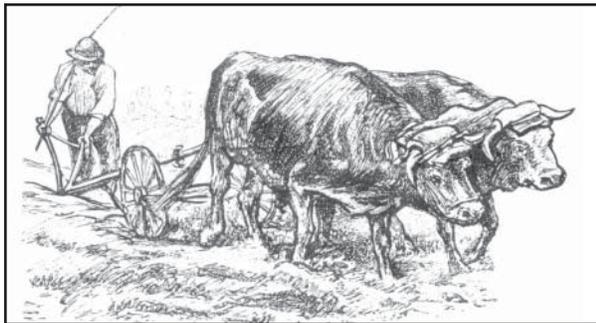
Questions to answer:

What do you do for Samuel Pierce? _____

Why does he need you to do this? _____

What does Samuel Pierce do for you? _____

Why do you need this? _____



Oxen pull the plow. The plow breaks up the ground, and then the farmer plants his seeds.



A farmer carefully removes the intestines from an animal before cutting up the meat.