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# DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center Activity Guide



## Habitat Investigations:

Pick a display- Wetlands, Woodlands, or Prairie.

1. Which display (habitat) did you choose? Why?

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## Imagine you are in this habitat:

1. List two sounds you would hear in this habitat:

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2. List two things you might smell in this habitat:

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3. What other wildlife might you see in this habitat (that is not in the display)?

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## Striking it rich:



1. Why did people come to this area? \_\_\_\_\_

2. List two tools or supplies the miners used. What were they used for?

1  Why?

2  Why?



## Cutting Tall Timber:

1. Why do we need timber? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. List two tools used to cut down trees. How did they work?

Worked By:

Tool:

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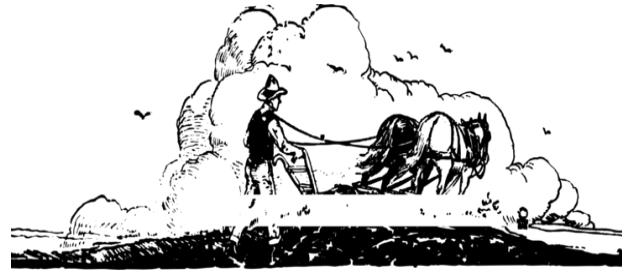
Tool:

Bustin' the Prairie Sod:

1. What is meant by "bustin' the prairie sod"?

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2. Draw a picture of an animal that lives in the prairie. Why does it live on the prairie?

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3. Look at the map next to this display, name 1 of the 7 states that the Missouri River flows through besides Nebraska or Iowa. \_\_\_\_\_

4. How did the Missouri River help people get to Montana in 1965? \_\_\_\_\_

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Towns-Making Nowhere Somewhere:

1. What do you think is in the Crate?

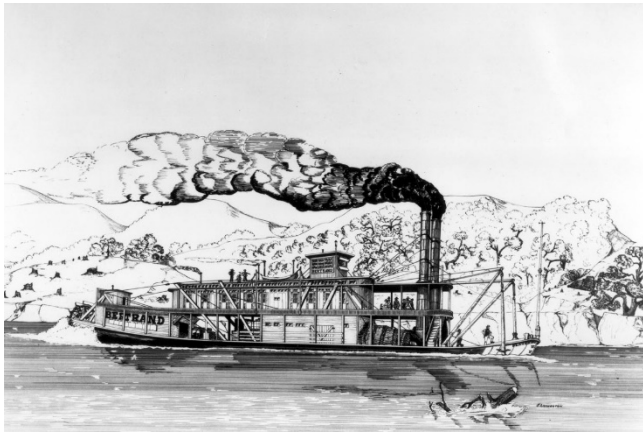
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## Bertrand Exhibit:



The Bertrand was a steamboat used to carry cargo and people up and down the Missouri River. This cargo supplied all of the merchandise a store in Montana would sell during an entire year. Imagine the Bertrand as a "Wal-Mart on the water".

Find three artifacts from the exhibit for each category below. Record a similarity and difference to a similar item you would find at home today.

### Household Items and Tools

Items	Similarity	Difference
1.		
2.		
3.		

### Food Items

Items	Similarity	Difference
1.		
2.		
3.		

### Clothing Items

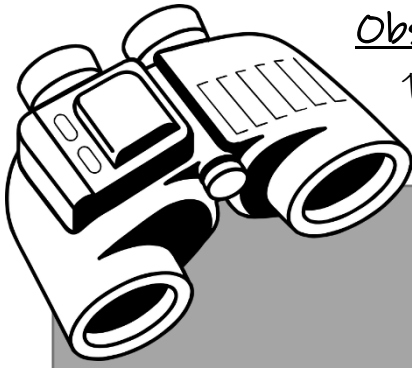
Items	Similarity	Difference
1.		
2.		
3.		

If you had only one crate to bring on a steamboat trip to Montana, what would you bring? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Observation Deck:

1. List wildlife or evidence of wildlife (tracks and nests) you notice while looking out at the refuge and DeSoto Lake.

2. DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge is a home (or habitat) for wildlife. List 4 plants or animals that you think live on the refuge.

3. Looking out the windows, what changes can you see that people have made to this area? List as many as you can see.

4. Why have they made these changes?

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5. Why is DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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