

Animal Matching

Background Information: Many different animals and insects lived at Mount Vernon in the eighteenth century, and many of the same breeds live at Mount Vernon today.

Main Ideas:

- The animals that lived out Mount Vernon in the eighteenth century were primarily used for work and food instead of kept as pets.

Skills:

- Matching
- Change over time
- Fine motor skills

Questions to Consider:

- Do you have any pets?
- What animals do you see around you everyday? Are they wild or domestic?
- How are pets different from farm animals?
- Where does your food come from? Where did food come from in the eighteenth century? How are they similar? How are they different?

Use the following resources to explore further:



**Animals at
Mount
Vernon**



**Martha
Washington's
Needlework**



**Incomplete
Horseshoe**

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ANIMAL/INSECT:

A.



B.



C.



D.



E.



F.



ROLE AT MOUNT VERNON:

1. Every April and May, enslaved people caught million of these in the Potomac River.

2. These animals were primarily kept for their meat.

3. These insects provided honey and wax. They also pollinated plants.

4. These were used both for farm labor and for transportation. George Washington rode Nelson and Blueskin during the American Revolution.

5. These provided meat, milk, and other products like butter, cream, and cheese. They also were used for labor on the farm.

6. These animals provided wool that could be spun into cloth. Washington had thousands of them throughout his life; at one time, he recorded 600-800 across his five farms.

Answer Key: A3; B6; C1; D5; E2; F4

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