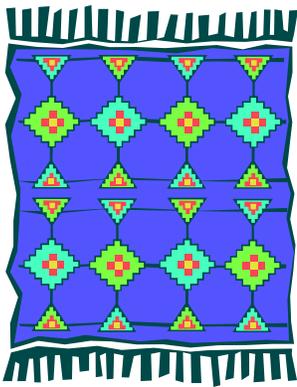


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Lesson 6: Stitches and Stories

Lesson Ideas for Alignment

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Lesson Summary: Early Maine families used everything and wasted very little. When clothing was worn out or outgrown, it was used to make quilts, rugs and other useful items. Both boys and girls learned to sew. Samplers, quilts and rugs tell many stories about early life in Maine. Students will research early samplers and rugs to see what stories may be told about Early American life. Students will learn and demonstrate basic rug hooking skills.

Teacher Note: Burlap and crochet hooks can be purchased at many craft and yard goods stores. This activity could easily be set up as a learning center.

Learning Objectives:

The student will:

- Use the internet to research 18th century samplers and rugs.
- Create a short power point presentation about the importance of needle work skills in the 19th century.
- Create a simple rug design that tells something of their life today.
- Follow written directions to make a hooked rug square.
- Demonstrate rug hooking skills.
- Write a paragraph that explains how a quilt, sampler or rug might tell the story of an 18th century family.

Maine Learning Results

ELA

A3e Reading - Informational Texts

B1e Writing: Interconnected Elements

C1c, d Research

E1c Listening

E2a Speaking

SS

E1a Historical Knowledge, Themes, and Patterns

VPA

B1 Visual Arts - Media Skills

Common Core

ELA

Speaking and Listening: 4

Writing: 4, 6, and 7



Process:

- Discuss the background information in Stitches and Stories.
- Have print resources available for students to examine.
- Provide computer time for research and have class view selected web sites.
- Provide computer time for power point development. Power point to include:
 - Title page
 - 5-8 Information pages with graphics
 - Resources page
- Have students write a paragraph about stories that the researched items tell.
- Provide time for power point presentations.

Assessment: Use sample rubrics or use a class-generated rubric.





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