



Teaching with Historic Places Lesson Plan

Nails

School: Veterans Memorial School
Subject: Social Studies

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Grade: 3

Introduction:

A look at the importance of nails in our culture, and through them the significance of the Saugus Iron Works on the early European settlers.

Objectives:

- Students will understand that Saugus played a role in the success of the early settlers. They will appreciate the local history.

Materials:

- A nail
- A brochure of the Saugus Iron Works

Procedure:

The teacher will walk around and show the students a modern nail. The students will be asked to generate a list of ideas about where the nail came from, how it was made, what it was made of, and what nails are used for. The teacher will write that list on the board. The teacher will then be asked to discuss the role of nails in early America, leading them to the idea that nails are made from iron and that the nails were used to build houses in early America. The teacher will then have the students find Saugus on a map. Once the students have found Saugus, they will be asked to say where they think the first iron-making site in what is now Massachusetts was located. The students will realize that the first successful iron-making site is right here in Saugus. The students will look at a brochure for the Saugus Iron Works.

Assessment:

The students will write a paragraph explaining the role of Saugus in early times.

Extension:

The students need to show their parents / guardians the pamphlet for the Iron Works and explain the role Saugus had. They will have their guardians sign the pamphlet to show that they saw it and had it explained to them.



A collection of modern nails in an old Saugus workshop.