



# Teaching with Historic Places Lesson Plan

## Puritan Tools

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**Subject:** History & Social Studies

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**Grade:** 1

### Introduction:

Teaches the history of the Puritans in Massachusetts plus simple machines and tools.

### Objectives:

- To be more aware of Puritans – their culture, struggles, homes, etc.
- To relate machines and tools of today to the simple tools and machines of the past.
- To be more aware of the Saugus Iron Works.



Some iron tools from the Saugus Iron Works collection.

### Materials:

- A Saugus Iron Works Park Ranger
- The film on Plymouth Plantation

### Activities:

1. Show the film of Plymouth Plantation (to build prior knowledge regarding the establishment of the Plymouth Colony and set the foundation for life in the Massachusetts Bay Colony).



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2. Invite a Park Ranger (like Amy Curry) to come and discuss the Iron Works and tools.
3. Do the lessons on simple machines in the science book.
4. Re-create some simple machines in the classroom.
5. Take a trip to the Saugus Iron Works.

## Assessment:

6. Each child should create a journal on what he/she saw as a group and/or as an individual.
7. Create a class book including a picture with sentence (one per child) about the Iron Works.
8. Hold a scavenger hunt on simple machines.



The Saugus Iron Works pier.

## Resources:

- [saa.org/publications/](http://saa.org/publications/)
- [www.nps.gov/sair/](http://www.nps.gov/sair/)
- [www.essexheritage.org](http://www.essexheritage.org)
- [town.saugus.ma.us/School/District/TAHG/](http://town.saugus.ma.us/School/District/TAHG/)