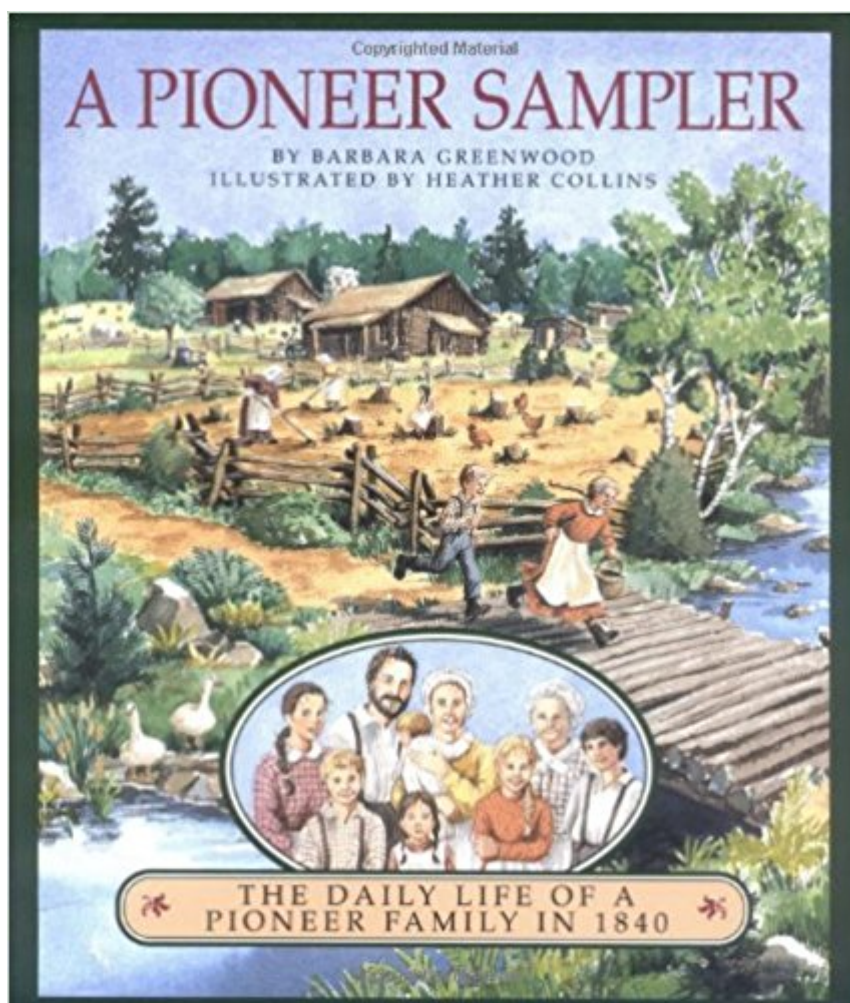


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# A Pioneer Sampler: The Daily Life Of A Pioneer Family In 1840



## Synopsis

In an unusual blend of fiction and nonfiction, *A Pioneer Sampler* chronicles one year in the lives of the Robinson family. Illustrated historical notes enlarge on the social history and describe activities related to the stories, from churning butter to predicting the weather. Young readers are invited to try their hand at these tasks to experience a bit of pioneer life.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 10 - 12 years

Grade Level: 5 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Slaughtering hogs, making butter and telling time by the sun are all chronicled in the life of a pioneer family. PW said in a starred review: "As a resource, it's a must-have for anyone with even the remotest interest in this period of American history." Ages 8-12. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 5-8?Greenwood introduces the fictional Robertsons and, through the family's activities, describes the details of everyday life on the frontier circa 1840. This mix of story and information makes the book a natural for use in whole-language classrooms. Report writers in traditional programs will find useful facts and diagrams tucked in between the fictional segments. Food, clothing, schooling, social life, household equipment, building, and more are covered in the

wide-ranging text. The detailed black-and-white drawings are both decorative and informative. Edwin Tunis covers a wider range of topics in *Frontier Living* (Crowell, 1976) for a slightly older audience. For younger readers, Raymond Bial's *Frontier Home* (Houghton, 1993) has a narrower focus; his full-color photographs of actual (and reproduced) artifacts add interest. Where pioneer living is part of the curriculum and for readers fascinated by the time period, Greenwood's title will be a welcome and useful addition. Elaine Fort Weischedel, Turner Free Library, Randolph, MA Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

I am a visual mom. When I explain something to my kids, I usually draw a picture. Even my feeble-art-skill drawings get the point across, and I do love good illustrations. This book has GOOD (dynamite good) illustrations. There is a story line - a year in the life of a 3-generation pioneer family - and then each page has almost a visual dictionary after the text, showing how maple sugar is produced, for example, or how to load a rifle, or what the traveling shoemaker's kit looked like. Excellent. We got a ton out of this book. My kids are very interested in what the world was like when you had to make everything yourself. There are a few do-it-yourself ideas through the book. This is a good one to OWN, not just get from the library.

I probably can't add much to other reviews. It is simply an excellent book. Very interesting with lots of neat facts and information about early American life that both children and adults alike will enjoy learning about. The illustrations are well done. The activities are great! Hands down a great book to read to/with your children and follow up with activities.

I bought this book for my third grade daughter for a pioneer study. I read the whole book out loud to her and we both enjoyed it greatly. It was filled with information and interesting details. I even learned a few new things and that's saying something because I have loved studying pioneers since I was a girl. The illustrations are handsome and the book is laid out very nicely. The narrative story of the family is done well, it is easily read over a few days time in small sessions. You won't feel overwhelmed by the information here but neither will you feel gypped either. The activities in the book are approachable without being so watered down that you wondered if they really qualified as pioneer study tie ins. Well done!

Book gives destined description and pictures of various situation and common tools used in the time of settling the west. It is along the vein of Laura Ingall's stories but with a more non fiction feel and

not exactly a story. It does follow a family called the Robertsons but there is mostly information regarding living. We homeschool and really enjoy this book and what it offers.

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This book is absolutely wonderful. It is fun, educational and good for any age. My Kindergartner, my first grader, my fourth grader and even my fellow college students are addicted to this book. It is so easy to be one a part of this time period and to feel involved with the experiments throughout the chapters. The illustrations are very useful when teaching about Pioneers. I received my book in good condition and fast shipping. Thank you!

I loved this book. My children have been very into pioneers lately and so I bought this book after a friend recommended it. I wasn't disappointed. I loved the way the author mixed a fictional story (we follow the Robertson family through their daily life) with actual facts (how pioneers made butter, what a typical home looked like, etc.). I also enjoyed the many hands on crafts and activities that were included throughout the book. I would read a little bit to my children every day. They loved it! Great book. I will definitely be recommending this book to friends.

A great book to read aloud to class. Great pictures and sketches. Story well written and kept children's attention

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