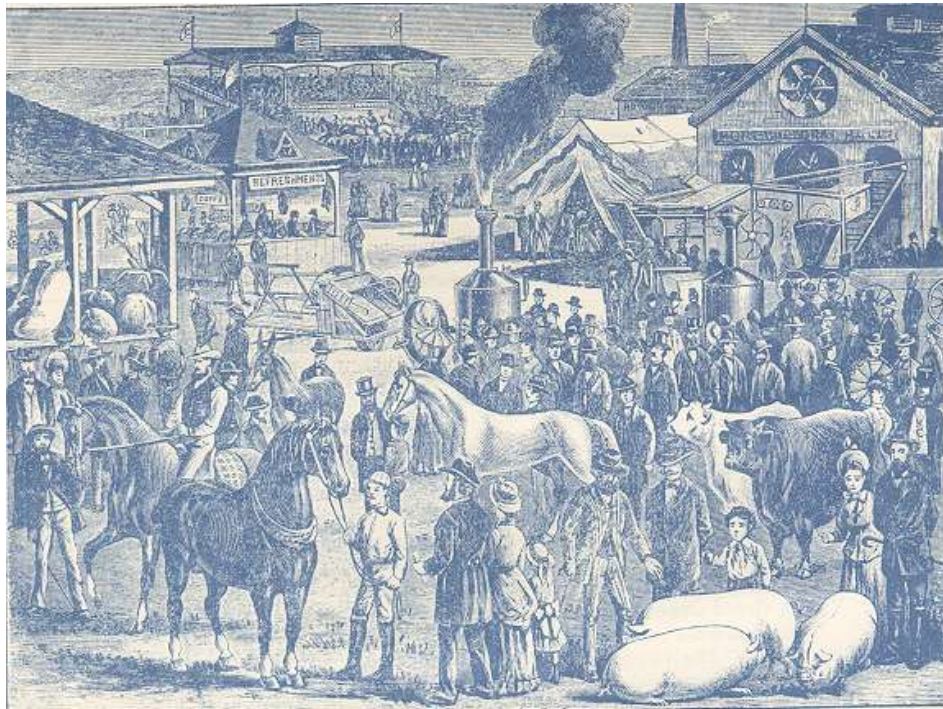


# OLD SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR EDUCATION DAY

## Student Activity Book



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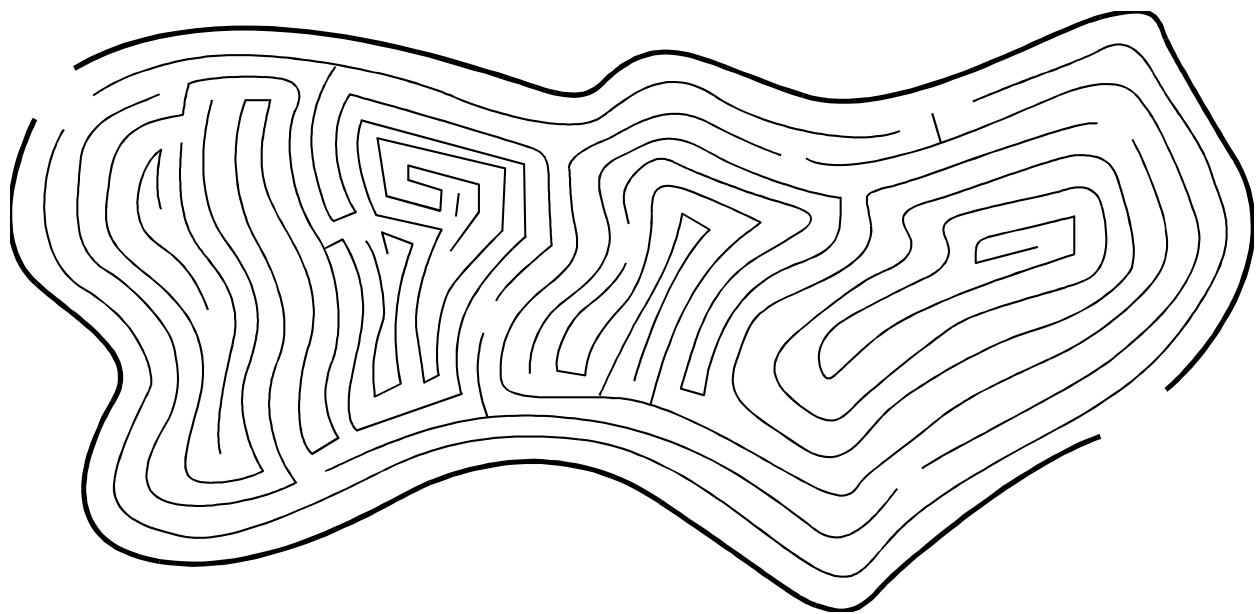
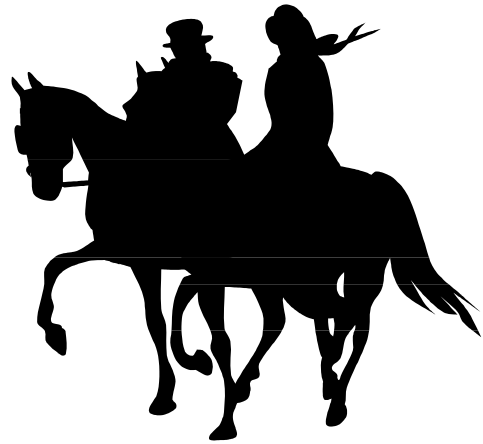
When you come to visit the Old Sedgwick County Fair, there will be many things to see and do. It will be like an 1870's county fair. Your class will be able to enter a contest. You can grind wheat or corn, pet a cow or goat, and play with old time toys and games.

Here is a list of some of the things you can do at the Old Sedgwick County Fair. See if you can find these words in the word search below.

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| Corn Shelling | Wheat Grinding | Old Toys | Contest  |
| Games         | Animals        | Sorghum  | Quilting |
| Horsepower    | Farm           | Music    | Midway   |

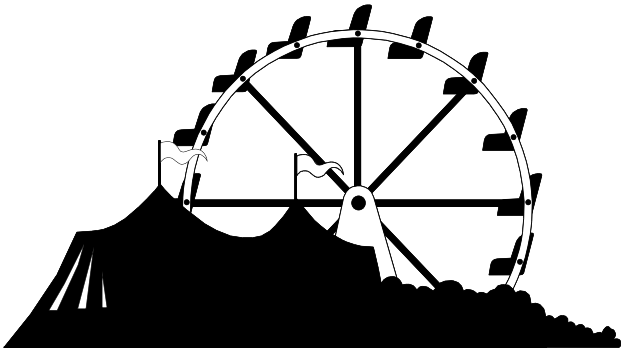
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In Kansas in the 1870s, the county fair was the biggest event of the year. Trains had special tickets for people and animals to get to the fair. The schools and shops were closed so all the people in town could go. Farmers and cowboys would ride their horses many miles to get to the county fair. Important people would come to the county fair from far away.



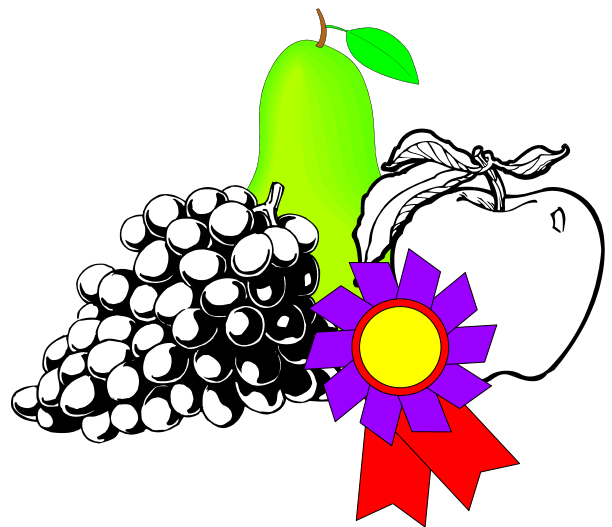
Who else might like to come to a county fair in the 1870s?

See if you can help these people from the 1870s find their way through the maze so they can get to the county fair.

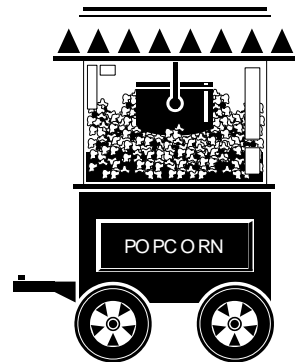
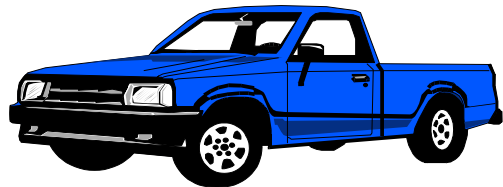
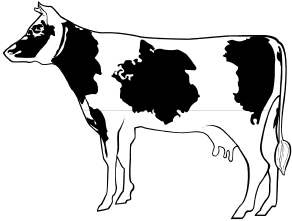


Today, some things are different at a county fair. There are more rides and games at a modern county fair than there were in the 1870s. Many people come to the fair to have fun. More children, especially 4-H members, enter contests to win ribbons than in the 1870s. Many of the contests are different, too.

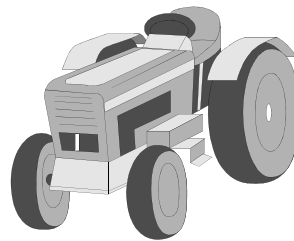
In the space above, draw a picture or write about a contest you would like to enter at a county fair.



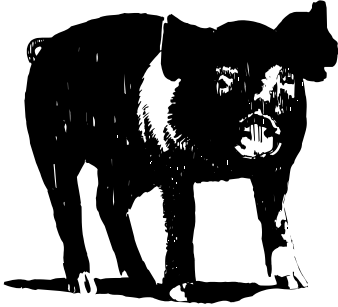
We still have county fairs today. Many things at the county fair have stayed the same for more than 100 years. Some things have changed as Kansas has become more modern.



# 1870



Look at the pictures on this page.  
Circle the things that you might find at an 1870s county fair that you might also find at a county fair today.



There was a lot to see and do at the county fair in the 1870s. There were games to play and music to hear. Special speakers would talk about exciting events and far away places.

Salesmen would have new things for people to buy. Churches would sell food and drinks. Farmers would show off their horses, cows, pigs and sheep. Many men and women would enter special contests

What would be your favorite activity at an 1870s county fair?

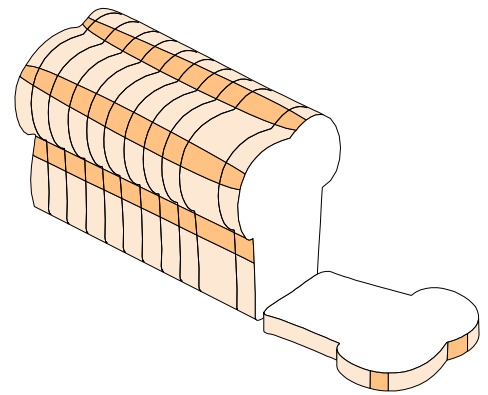
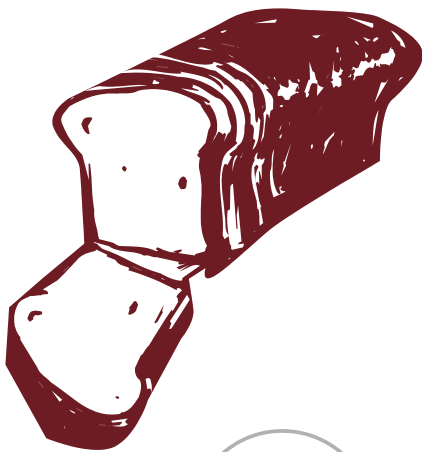
Draw a picture or write about it in the space above.



In 1870, all the people in town came to the county fair to see what was new and better. The farmers and their wives would bring their finest animals, vegetables, sewing and cooking to the fair.

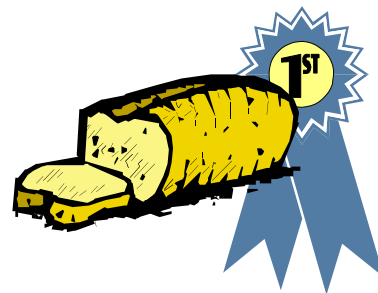
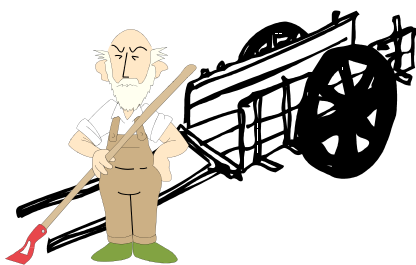
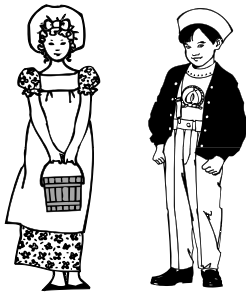
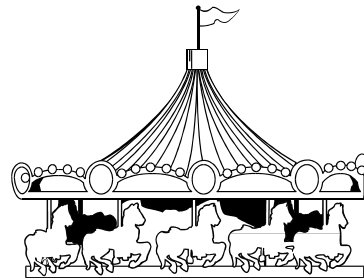


They wanted to have the best so they could win a ribbon in the contest. The best exhibit at the fair got a blue ribbon. The second best got a red ribbon and the third best got a white ribbon.



Which loaf of bread on this page should get which color ribbon? Why do you think so? Color the ribbons and the bread.

Sometimes the county fair would be canceled if the crops didn't grow, or the grasshoppers came and ate them. The county never gave up. They would always try to have a county fair again the next year. In the 1870s, the county fair was the most important event of the year. Everyone in the county came to the fair to learn and to have fun.



The people on the left side of the page have come to a county fair in the 1870s. See if you can draw a line from each person or group or people to the thing they like on the right side of the page.