



KENTUCKY
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY



Pine Mountain Settlement School VTS PowerPoint Guide





Kentucky Academic Standards for Social Studies

First Grade:

- 1.E.ST.2** Investigate how people can benefit themselves and others by developing special skills, strengths and goods.
- 1.G.HI.1** Describe how culture and experience influence the cultural landscape of places and regions within their community and state.
- 1.H.KH.1** Compare life in Kentucky in the past to life in Kentucky today.

Third Grade:

- 3.G.HE.1** Explain how the culture of places and regions influence how people modify and adapt to their environments.
- 3.G.KGE.1** Describe the impact of cultural diffusion and blending on Kentucky in the past and today.
- 3.I.CC.1** Construct an explanation, using relevant information, to address a local, regional or global problem.

Fourth Grade:

- 4.E.IC.1** Describe and evaluate the relationship between resource availability, opportunity costs, migration and settlement.
- 4.I.U.3** Develop claims with evidence to answer compelling and supporting questions.

Fifth Grade:

- 5.G.MM.1** Analyze how cultural, economic and environmental factors encouraged and restricted the movement of people, ideas and goods to and within the United States.
- 5.G.HE.1** Explain how cultural and environmental changes impact population distribution and influence how people modify and adapt to their environments.
- 5.I.CC.3** Explain different approaches people can take to address local, regional and global problems, using examples from U.S. history.

High School:

- HS.G.KGE.1** Explain how Kentuckians view sense of place differently based on cultural and environmental characteristics of varying regions of the state.
- HS.G.HI.2** Analyze how cultural and economic decisions influence the characteristics of various places.



Brief Historical Overview of Pine Mountain Settlement School

The Pine Mountain Settlement School in Harlan County was established by William Creech, Katherine Petit, and Ethel de Long. Creech aimed to address the issues faced by those living in isolated areas, attributing the root cause to young people growing up without proper “moral training.” Academic education alone was insufficient for these children; they needed to learn occupational skills and ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The school was founded on the reformist social movement's urban settlement model, with Hull House in Chicago being the most notable example. There was a demand for a successful rural equivalent.

The need for education and social services extended beyond urban families to rural families, particularly in the lead-up to and aftermath of the Great Depression. The Pine Mountain Settlement School served as a boarding school for elementary and middle school-aged children from 1913 to 1930, then became a boarding vocational high school. Ethel Wright, a teacher, memorialized her time at the school through photography. Wright's collection, donated to the Kentucky Historical Society by her daughter, provides a visual record of life at Pine Mountain and the students who lived there.

What's in the picture?

Photograph Analysis

Photograph #1: Written on the front of the photograph ""No room for them at the School!!""
Written on the back ""A woman bringing her children to try to enter them in school. (They were not admitted).""



Photograph #2: The inscription on the album page says ""Far House."" We believe that this is the frontside of the Far House.



Photograph #3: Miss Sandstrom, treating a patient at Old Log House at Pine Mountain Settlement School ca. 1919-21.



Photograph #4: Washing day by the creek at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-1921. The inscription on the album page says "'Aunt' Sal Creech on wash-day."



Photograph #5: Old Log House at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-1921.



Photograph #6: Irving Lewton with the school mules at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. Written on the front of the photograph "'Mules & driver of weekly supply wagon.'"



Photograph #7: Entrance to the school coal mine at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. Inscription on album page says "'The school coal-mine.'"



Photograph #8: Far House Children at the Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21.



Photograph #9: Doctor's House at 'Big Laurel' near Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21.



Photograph #10: Children getting water from cauldron at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21.



Photograph #11: The Weaving room, 1923 at Pine Mountain Settlement School.



Photograph #12: Laurel House dinning room
Christmas 1920 at Pine Mountain Settlement School.
The inscription on the album page says "School
Dinning Hall at Christmas-time 1920."



Photograph #13: Winter at Pine Mt. 1923 at Pine
Mountain Settlement School. The inscription on the
album page says "Mrs. Zande, Homeward-bound."



Photograph #14: Far House Living Room Fireplace
at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21.



Photograph #15: Ethel's room at Far House at Pine
Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21.



Photograph #16: Washing dishes in the kitchen at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. Pearlie Baker at the sink.



Photograph #17: Some of the Laurel House girls at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. The names of the girls are "Bonnie Baker, Clara Siler, Virginia Burton, Dosbia Minyard, Burton, Allie Callahan, Pearlie Baker."



Photograph #18: Laurel House porch at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21.



Photograph #19: Preparing vegetables in the Laurel House court at Pine Mountain Settlement School campus, ca. 1919-21. The student is "Minnie Callahan (now Mrs. Malcolm Wells)."



Photograph #20: The Sixth grade at work (in temporary room at office) at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. The students are "Blanche Nolan, Napoleon Shell, __ __, John Lewis, Maude Baker, Clara Siler."



Photograph #21: School-grounds school- house in foreground, Laurel house in distance at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca, 1919-21.



Photograph #22: Some of the children on the steps at the Big Log House at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. Some of the children are "(Golden Hogg with the churn) Maud Middleton, (the one who is in my school) with the string of peppers)". The inscription on the album page says ""Big Log House & children.""



Photograph #23: Fall Picnic Day at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. The students are "Martha Callhan, Debie Hogg, Frances Hall, Grace Redwine, Louise Hogg".



Photograph #24: Malcolm Wells milking a cow at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919- 21. Written on the back of the photograph "Malcolm Wells, in the official milking suit, (only they usually have a white cap too)."



Photograph #25: The Boy's House at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. The inscription on the album page says "New Boys' dormitory."



Photograph #26: 'Ludie' breaking flax at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. The inscription on the album page says "Ludie & Flax-breaker."



Photograph #27: Students appearing in a Shakespearian play at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. Written on the back of the photograph "Dorsy, Elvie Seivis, Emily, Raymond, Kitty, Bonnie, 3 for Mrs. Z."



Photograph #28: Students appearing in a Shakespearian play at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. Lawson, John D, Dorsy, James M, L. Garfield, Emily, Kitty, Raymond, Kitty, Bonnie, 3 for Mrs. Z, Jeacock.



Photograph #29: School House 1920 is a building on the Pine Mountain Settlement School campus. The inscription on album page says "School-house & fire alarm." The fire alarm is the round object on the tree in the middle of the photograph.



Photograph #30: Students performing a Maypole dance at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. The inscription on the album page says "May-pole Dance."



Photograph #31: The Boy Scouts (Mr. Deschamps on the left) at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. The inscription on the album page says "Boy Scout Troop."



Photograph #32: Napoleon Shell at work at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21



Photograph #33: Woman preparing food for a picnic near Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. Jack's Gap. The inscription on the album page says "Margery B."



Photograph #34: Rocks just outside the main gate at Pine Mountain Settlement School, ca. 1919-21. The front of photograph says "At the school gate" and the back says "Rocks just outside the main gate."

