

CARING FOR TRAVELLER

PRE-VISIT ACTIVITY

SADDLE UP

The pre-visit activity, Saddle Up, is designed to introduce students to the friendship between Robert E. Lee and his horse Traveller. Students will determine what makes the two best friends similar and different by listing out examples. They're also introduced to what it means to provide for your best animal friend. Students will learn about natural, human and capital resources and how to identify them. In the end students will get the opportunity to assemble their own saddle bag out of basic materials. Give them a chance to personalize the bag with choosing the color and design. When the bag is completed, students will have the opportunity to fill it with supplies they would need for a journey like Lee made with Traveller. Students should cut out the supplies they most need. When finished, they should answer the questions about what they packed. If there is time, have the students share them with their class and compare each other's supplies.

Instructions on how to assemble the saddle bag are found on their question sheet. Students will need the following supplies for this activity:

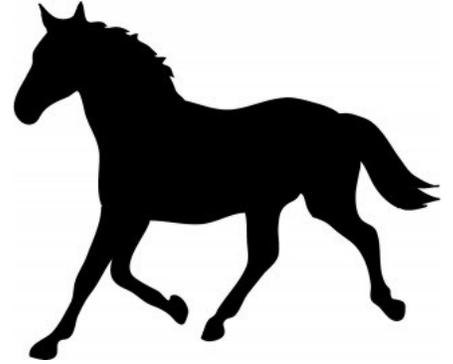
What You'll Need:

- **Pencil**
- **Scissors**
- **Glue or Glue Stick**
- **Markers, crayons or colored pencils**
- **String, approx. 2' long (Per Student)**
- **Hole Punch**

PRE-ACTIVITY: SADDLE UP

Read the short passage about Robert E. Lee and his friend Traveller and answer the questions below.

The Lee Chapel and Museum is home to a story about two best friends. The story is about Robert E. Lee, a Confederate general in the Civil War, and his horse Traveller. Lee and Traveller met in Greenbrier County, in 1861. They were best friends for nine years and had many adventures together.



Robert E. Lee was born in 1807 at Stratford Hall in Virginia. He was 54 years old when he met Traveller in Western Virginia. Lee knew Traveller would be his best friend at first sight. First named Jeff Davis, then Greenbrier, Traveller was born in 1857. Traveller was a gray horse with a black mane and tail and stood 16 hands high. Lee purchased Traveller in 1861 and renamed him Traveller due to his energetic personality. Lee and Traveller did everything together. Traveller became Lee's famous Civil War horse. Traveller bravely carried Lee through many Civil War battles including Second Manassas, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg. People often thought Traveller looked proud carrying Lee. Traveller was even there when Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant at the end of the Civil War in Appomattox, Virginia. When the war was over the Lee family and Traveller moved to Lexington, Virginia, so that Lee could become president of Washington College.

During their time in Lexington, Traveller and Lee were able to relax. Traveller got to graze in the fields, go on long rides in the countryside and eat many sugar cubes. However, after just five years Robert E. Lee fell ill. Traveller's best friend past away on October 12, 1870. Traveller passed away just eight months after Lee's death. Lee is buried in the Lee family crypt in Lee Chapel. Traveller is buried just outside of the museum, the closest he can be to his friend. Even today they're still remembered as best friends.

1. Who were the main characters of the passage?

2. What is one thing you learned about Traveller?

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Like many best friends, Robert E. Lee and Traveller have many things in common. On the lines below, list some similarities and differences between the two. An example has been done for you.

Similarities

They both have two ears.

Differences

Lee wears clothes, Traveller does not.

Lee was responsible for providing Traveller with a safe habitat. Using geometric shapes identify natural, human and capital resources. All animals need food, water and shelter in their habitat in order to survive. It is part of their living system. Lee used resources to help take care of Traveller.

Draw a circle around the natural resources.

Draw a square around the human resources.

Draw a triangle around the capital resources.



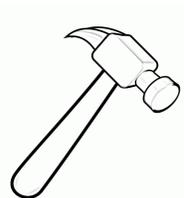
GRAIN



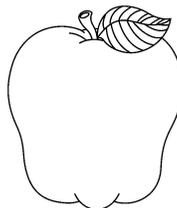
VETERINARIANS



GARDEN HOE



HAMMER



APPLE



STABLE BUILDERS

Natural Resources- materials such as minerals, forests, water, and fertile land that occur in nature and can be used.

Human Resources- the people needed to grow or make and sell a product or service.

Capital Resources- goods produced and used to make other goods and services. Basic categories of capital resources include tools, equipment, buildings, and machinery.

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You're going to learn a lot about Robert E. Lee and Traveller when you visit Lee Chapel. You'll learn how Lee took care of not only Traveller but the students at Washington College. Lee and Traveller made the journey to Lexington, Virginia in 1865. Now it's time for you to do the same! Below are instructions on how to create your saddle bag for a journey to Lee Chapel. Follow the instructions below and then answer the questions.

PART 1:

Cut out the supplies you think you'll need most for your journey. Put them aside when finished.

PART 2:

In PART 2 you're going to assemble a saddle bag so you can store your supplies. Follow the directions to complete the bag.

1. Cut along the **BOLD, DASHED** lines.
2. Glue the top piece to the bottom by placing glue where marked.
3. Next, fold along the **SMALL, DOTTED** line. This will create a flap, closing your bag.
4. Next, hole punch a hole through each black circle.
5. Run string through each hole and tie each end in a knot.
6. Design and color your saddle bag as you like. Don't forget to put your name on it!

PART 3:

In the last part of this exercise you'll need to pack your supplies. Chose **ONLY 8** items to take. Pack them away in your bag and then answer the questions.

1. What was the first thing you packed?

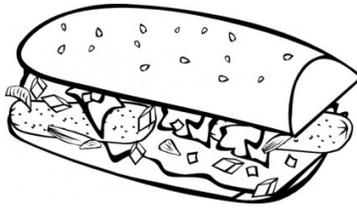
2. Why did you pack that item first?

3. What do you think Lee and Traveller packed in their bag for their journey?

PRE ACTIVITY: PART 1



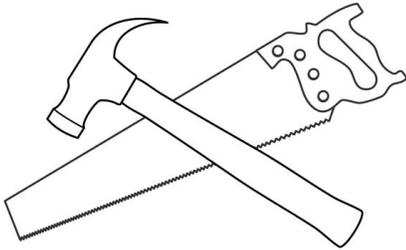
Medical Supplies



Food



Games



Tools



soap/toiletries



Flash Light/Lantern



Water



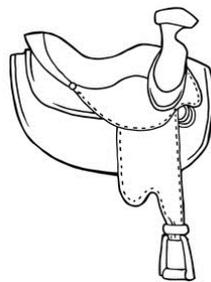
Money



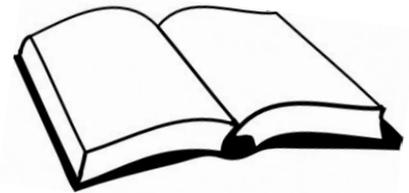
Map/Directions



Shelter



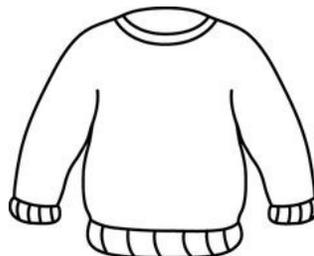
Saddle/Riding Gear



Reading Materials



Toys



Clothes



Phone/Communication

PRE-ACTIVITY: PART 2

