

Colonial Natural Resources Magnetic Board Pieces



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Settling the New World

Natural Resources Magnetic Board

Flannel boards may seem a little old fashioned, but I have always had a few kids in every class that just loved them. They used them to retell stories they had heard, to make up their own stories, to make words using flannel letters, make math problems using flannel numbers, and to share what they had learned with the class. Now that most of us have magnetic white boards in our classrooms, the fun has expanded using magnetic paper. Whether magnetic or flannel, your kids will have fun as they learn more about the natural resources of the early colonists as they play with these colorful images.

Preparation Directions:

1. Run off on magnetic paper, trim, and place in a large labeled manila envelope. (Use the label above left.)
2. OR, run off on cover stock, single sided, laminate, trim, and stick a piece of magnetic tape on the back of each piece.

Uses:

- Tell a story to the class using the pieces.
- Create a setting for a story or report about life in early colonial days.
- Use the pieces to introduce any unit on natural resources.
- Give small groups a set of pieces and have each group create a story or report to share with the class.
- Put the pieces in a hat. Have one student at a time pull out a piece, then make up a sentence about the item and add it to the board. The sentence could continue a story the group is creating.
- Put the materials at your classroom center or museum for free time play.
- Have each student choose an item and do some research to share with the class.
- Make up a finger play or rhyming jingle using a few of the items.



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