



# History at Home

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## Family Activities Jobs That Built Wisconsin - Logging

Building Wisconsin one log at a time 1850's -1890's

Logging was also a big business in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin was full of forests of trees in the 1800's.

The United States 1832 treaty with the Native Americans forced the Menomonee Nation off their land. New immigrants were eager to build their homes, businesses, and roads. They used

Wisconsin's plentiful natural resource, trees to as

their building material. A quarter of Wisconsin's jobs during 1890-1900's was logging.

Wisconsin was the largest producer of lumber in the United States in 1871. Loggers would cut in the wintertime and move the lumber in the spring. After the logs were cut, they would send them down the rivers to move them to mills and businesses that would prepare the wood to be sold.

Do you have Lincoln Logs, Jenga, or wood blocks? Create a structure with each and then decide which one you like building with the most. Take a picture of it and share it with your teacher or someone else you love.

Look at your home and its furnishings. How much is made of real wood? How can you tell? Think about how settlers use their natural resources to make their homes. How is Wisconsin's natural resources different than Arizona's?

