

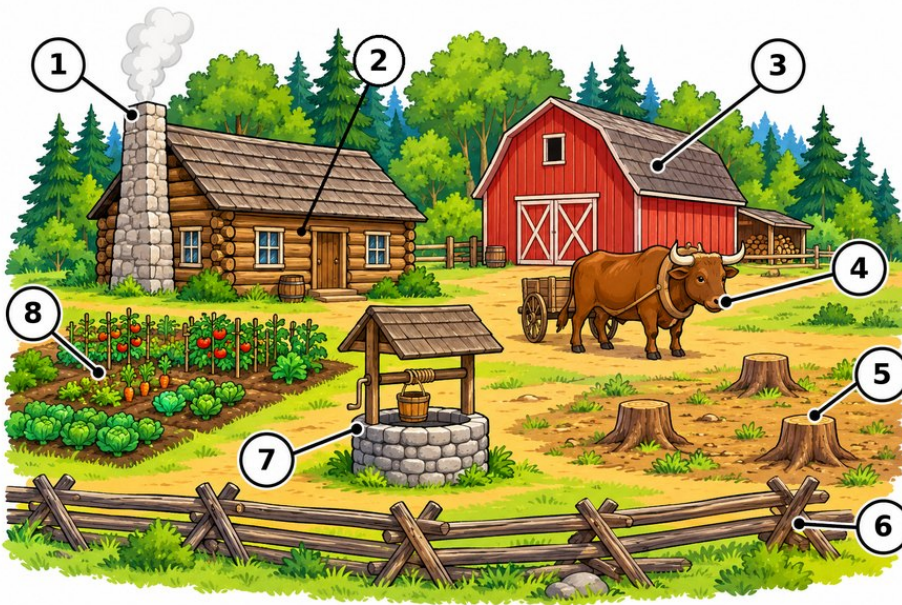
Pioneer Life in Upper Canada

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A Label the pioneer homestead

8 marks

Word bank: Barn · Chimney · Log cabin · Ox · Split-rail fence · Tree stumps · Vegetable garden · Well



1. _____
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5. _____
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7. _____
8. _____

B Pioneer jobs

6 marks

Write the letter that matches each job.

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| 10. _____ Miller | b. Taught children of all ages in a one-room schoolhouse |
| 11. _____ Cooper | c. Heated iron to make horseshoes, nails and tools |
| 12. _____ Weaver | d. Sold goods like salt, tea, cloth and tools |
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C Then and now

6 marks

Fill in the empty boxes. How did pioneers meet each need, and how do we meet it today?

	Need	Pioneer times	Today
15.	Light at night	Candles and oil lamps	
16.	Getting water	Carried in buckets from a well or stream	
17.	Keeping food cold		A refrigerator
18.	Travel		Cars, buses and planes
19.	Clothing	Sewn at home from wool or flax	
20.	Heating the home		A furnace

D True or false?

6 marks

Circle True or False.

21. Settlers had to cut down trees before they could plant crops.

True

False

22. Pioneer children did not have any chores.

True

False

23. Many First Nations people showed settlers how to grow corn, beans and squash.

True

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24. Pioneers bought most of their food at a big grocery store.

True

False

25. A "bee" was a gathering where neighbours worked together, such as a barn raising.

True

False

26. Winters were easy for pioneers because their cabins had furnaces.

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False

E Think about it

4 marks

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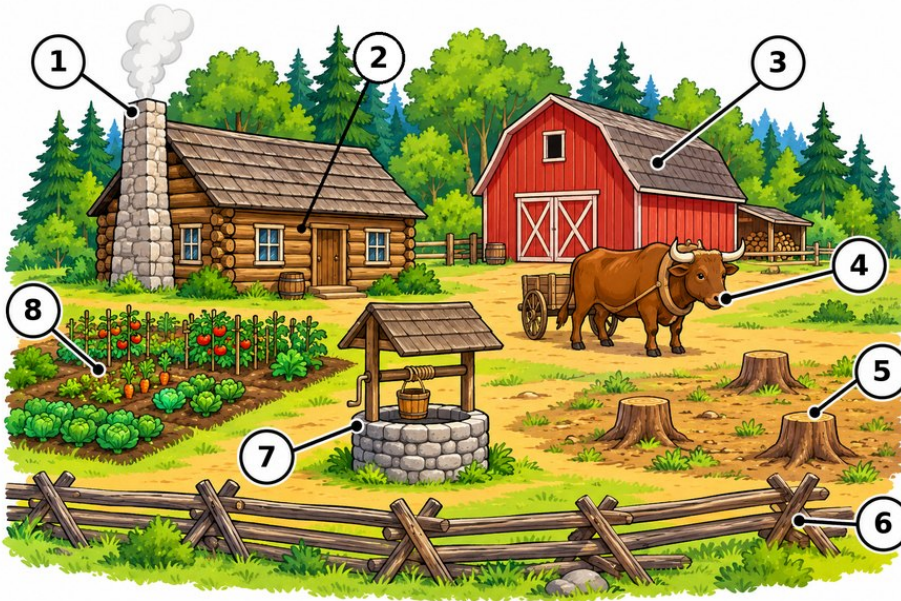
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	Need	Pioneer times	Today
15.	Light at night	Candles and oil lamps	Electric lights
16.	Getting water	Carried in buckets from a well or stream	A tap in the house
17.	Keeping food cold	A root cellar, or salting and smoking meat	A refrigerator
18.	Travel	Walking, horse and wagon, or canoe	Cars, buses and planes
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Any two: showed them how to grow the **Three Sisters** (corn, beans and squash), how to make **maple syrup**, how to use **canoes** and **snowshoes**, which plants were safe to eat or used as medicine, and how to hunt and fish.

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Answers will vary. 1 mark for each reason that uses a fact about pioneer life, e.g. "Today, because pioneer children carried water and had little time to play" or "Pioneer, because I would like to ride in a wagon and go to a barn raising."