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Make Your Own Pioneer Journal

Some families would keep journals about their lives as pioneers. Pretend you are a pioneer child who wants to remember his or her days in Illinois and create a journal.

1. Write an entry about moving to Illinois. Where did you move from? How long did it take? How did you travel? Who did you travel with?
2. Write an entry about one of your daily chores. How do you do it? What items do you use? How often do you have to do it?
3. Write an entry about the first schoolteacher coming to your area. Are you excited to start school? How often do you attend? What did you do before there was a school?
4. Draw a picture of your family and where you live. What does your house look like? How many people live with you? Do you have any pets?
5. Combine your entries into a journal. Assemble by punching holes in the paper and tying together with string. Add a cover and label it "My Pioneer Journal".