

Unplug in Illinois with the Skokie Heritage Museum!

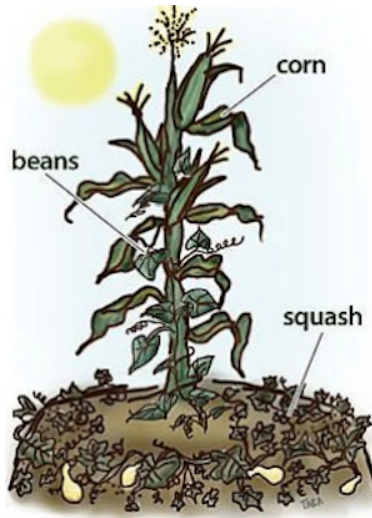
Stick of being stuck inside? Explore some Illinois history with these crafts, snacks, and games!

Build a home!

Illinois is home to many different Native American tribes, such as the Iroquois, Chippewa, Ottawa, Kickapoo, Kaskaskia, Miami, Potawatomi, Shawnee, Sauk, and Fox. These tribes made up the **Illini Confederation**, a network that stretched from today's Chicago to Iowa! Most of Illinois would have been part of the Northeast tribal region, meaning many would have farmed and lived in wigwams (pictured below) or longhouses. Do you think you could build a mini wigwam in your yard out of sticks and bark?

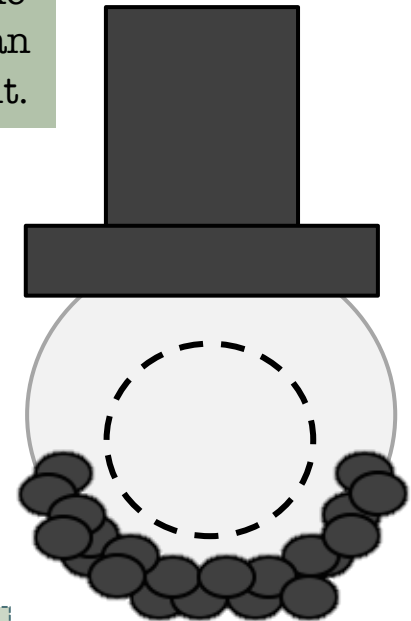
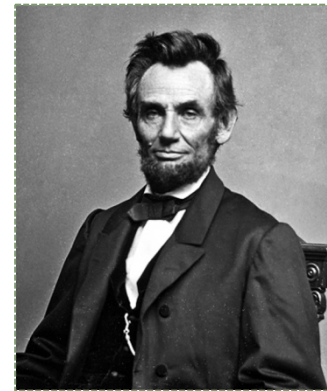


Northeast tribes often grew the “**Three Sisters**,” corn, beans, and squash.

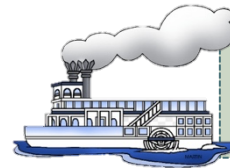


Make an Abe Lincoln hat and beard!

Using a paper plate and black paper, you can copy the fashion of former Illinois resident and **16th US President** Abe Lincoln! Cut out a hole on the plate for your face, and glue two rectangles to one end to make his hat. For the beard, you can use paper, cotton balls, or felt.



Lincoln was the first president to have a **beard**!



Lincoln is the only president to have patented an **invention**! He created a device to help steamboats escape shallow water.

Lincoln loved **cats**, and had a White House cat named Tabby!



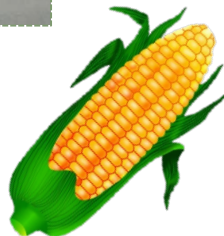
Lincoln made **Thanksgiving** a national holiday in 1863!

Make your own butter!

If you were living in Illinois in the 1800s, you would have made most of your food without the help of a grocery store. Grab some heavy whipping cream and a lidded jar, and shake! After a while, you'll start to hear something solid bouncing around in the jar. Salt to taste, and enjoy!



If you were living in a log cabin, you would have used a **butter churn** instead of a jar. Milk, probably from your family's cow, was added to the churn.



Since churning butter isn't very hard, it was a chore many **kids** would have done!



Build a Skyscraper!

The world's first skyscraper (pictured here) was built in Chicago in 1885. As the city grew, land became hard to find for new buildings. This gave Chicago architects the idea of building into the sky! Try to make your own skyscraper— how tall can you get it?

Do you like ordering things in the mail instead of going to the store? You have Aaron Montgomery Ward of Chicago to thank for that! His company created the idea of ordering from **catalogs** in 1872 to help rural shoppers.

Cellphones were also invented in Illinois! Engineers for Motorola patented the first **mobile phone** in 1973.

