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Recipe for a Hut

Ingredients:

1 cup of logs

3 teaspoons of clay

2 cups of stone

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of mud

4 quarts of hay

Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Put in the microwave, and set to 135 degrees Fahrenheit. Bake for 20 minutes, then let cool for 10 minutes. Now your hut is done!



POEM

Springhouse
Springhouse at the huts
Saving water for soldiers
The water was clean

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Soldiers

Soldiers used picks and screwdrivers to clean their muskets. They marched about 15 to twenty miles per day. They lived in huts with their families.



Mean George Washington

Once upon a time there was mean George Washington. He took the dog away from General Howe. He also destroyed his own army. That's how he got the name of "Very Crazy Washington". Then one day he burned down the shelter that Yikyung and Sukyung and all of their friends were living in and he wouldn't turn off the fire until the shelter was turned into ash. Then he high fived with Jae and destroyed their village. Then one day George burned down Pennsylvania.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jaekyung Kim is going into the 4th grade at Colonial Elementary School. He enjoys speed skating and studying. Jaekyung lives at home with his father, mother and two sisters. This is Jaekyung first year at the writing and reading camp!

Recipe for Fun Marbles

5 cups of clay

2 cups of mud

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons of water

10 cups of fun

Instructions:

Mix 5 cups of clay with two cups of mud. Put $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons of water into 10 cups of fun. Combine the ingredients well. Roll the mixture into small balls. Bake for 20 minutes at 150 degrees Fahrenheit.



Washington's Memorial Chapel: A List Poem

- It took 25 years to build
- The colors of the stained glass are red, white, and blue
- 50 shields on the ceiling
- The first state was Delaware
- The second state was Pennsylvania
- Carvings of Washington's Life Guard
- Statue of a Praying Mother

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Valley Forge National Cemetery: A List Poem

- Knox family buried there
- Gravestones grey cold
- Burk first family buried there
- It has quarters-Silver for Alex's lemonade stand because she was buried there
- Hundreds of crosses
- Smell of green grass and trees

A Letter From Valley Forge

December 17th 1777

Dear Sister,

In this camp the room is too small. There are 12 soldiers in the huts. My brother smells really bad. I think my nose is beginning to rot. His teeth are brown. The food is awful too. I almost threw up the last time I ate it. I wish I could eat a frog leg instead of that firecake. And I hate doing laundry.

From,

Yikyung

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Yikyung Kim is going into the 5th grade at Colonial Elementary School. She enjoys drawing and watching Running Man. Yikyung lives at home with her father, mother, sister and brother. This is Yikyung's first year at the writing and reading camp!

Haiku

Swaying side to side
Leaves are falling off the tree
It will never die



A Recipe for Building a Hut

Ingredients:

- A gallon of logs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of clay
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of mud
- 2 cups of axes
- 4 teaspoons of encouragement
- 1 cup of stones

Directions:

Bake logs until crisp. Approximately 20 minutes. Let them cool and then put on clay and mud. Cut the extra off with an axe. Use all encouragement. Add stones for chimney last. You're now ready to move in!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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The Small Wall

The small stony wall
Blocking enemy soldiers
Near the headquarter

Valley Forge

Valley Forge looks like a park with lots of huts to show you what it was like back when the soldiers were here. There are lots of monuments to honor people. Valley Forge smells like freshly mowed green grass. It also smells like flowers. It tastes like a juicy picnic with milkshakes for dessert. Valley Forge sounds like birds cawing. It also sounds like bugs chirping to each other in the tall grass. Maybe that is what the soldiers heard hundreds of years ago. Valley Forge makes me feel the cool refreshing breeze. Valley Forge had soldiers camping here for the winter of - 1777-1778. They suffered many hardships here at Valley Forge. We thank them that they gave their lives for our freedom.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Recipe for Martha Washington

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of happiness

1 cup courage

3 rounded tablespoons strength

1 teaspoon dresses

1 teaspoon hats

1 teaspoon shoes

5 tablespoons confidence

1 tablespoon dogs

1 cup of George Washington

Put the 1 cup of George Washington in the oven at 350 degrees Fahrenheit then after 15 minutes put him in Washington's headquarters. Then mix the rest of the ingredients and put the bowl straight in the oven. After 200 minutes put in fridge for 20 days, then put Martha directly in Washington's headquarters.

Haiku: Valley Forge

Train is roaring by

Children listen to stories

Benches in the shade



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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A JOURNAL ENTRY

February 12, 1778

Dear Daughter,

I hope you are well. Life here is not what I expected it to be. First of all, it is taking days for the soldiers to build the hut. I am freezing. I usually mend the soldiers' uniforms. It is very hard work. Also, I never get bored because at least 20 or 30 men need mending each day.

Sincerely,

Rita

The Life Guard

The lifeguards of George Washington had to be 5 foot 8 to 5 foot 10. They had to have the same clothes. They lived in huts almost next to Washington's headquarters. Washington needed lifeguards because the British were trying to kill him!



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Isabelle Peters is going into the 5th grade at Villa Maria Academy. She enjoys playing soccer and playing her violin. Belle lives at home with her father, mother and sister. This is Belle's first year at the writing and reading camp!

A Haiku

Flowing in the wind
We will always salute you
You are a starred flag



Valley Forge: A Narrative

You may not know that Valley Forge was a place where the soldiers stayed. Let me tell you more about Valley Forge.

When I see Valley Forge I feel like I went back in time and can actually see the real-life huts standing. Valley Forge smells like wheat and flowers. It tastes like fresh, cold water. When the breeze is blowing, I feel like the soldiers can hear the same sound that I hear.

It is historic. The special thing about Valley Forge is that I feel like I'm back in 1777.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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A Diamante

Joseph Plumb Martin

Young, scared

Waiting, hesitating, signing

Boy, private, volunteer, man

Fierce, intelligent

Soldier

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gabi Shu is going into the 4th grade at Devon Elementary School. She enjoys gymnastics and dancing. Gabi lives at home with her father, mother and a sister. This is Gabi's first year at the writing and reading camp!

men are suffering from starvation. I fear the river may freeze over. If God forbid that happens we will have to melt snow and purify it. Our hospital is almost thirty miles away and there are no spare carts to bring them. Almost a third of the sick men must die on the way to it. Even some sick men have not come to us, for they do not want to lose their friends and familiar places. They more likely know that if they leave, they shall not return. Those men are spreading the sickness, and turning the camp raging of epidemics. The hospital does not wash the sheets that some sick die in; so many people have several sicknesses on top of each other. I fear for the men and bid you farewell.

Sincerely,

Maria



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sami Smoot is going into the 5th grade at Villa Maria Academy. She enjoys reading and rock climbing. Sami lives at home with her father, mother, two brothers and her dog Buddy. This is Sami's second year at the writing and reading camp!

Recipe for Valley Forge Park

1000 clean grave stones

5 teaspoons moss

50 teaspoons of love

1 ton nature

1 ton rocks and bricks

1 teaspoon food

5 cups history

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tree bark

1 cup imagination

5 cut oak leaves

10 cups mixed people

1 teaspoon mud

2 cups food coloring

1 teaspoon grass

1. Mix all ingredients in a bowl
2. Place bowl in oven
3. Bake for 15 minutes
4. Let cool for 2 minutes
5. Enjoy!



George Washington's First Beanie Boo

A long time ago, it was almost George Washington's birthday. George's mom who didn't live with George decided to send him a stuffed animal, but one he would love.

So 1 week later, she sent a package to George Washington. When George Washington opened it he found a stuffed monkey. Washington decided to name it George. "George is a lovely name," Washington thought. The next night AHHHH-PLOOP! Huh? George Washington woke up suddenly. "The British are coming!" shouted one of Washington's soldiers. It was 1 pm, so Washington grabbed his sword, mounted his horse, and rode off to war. He showed his sword to the British which means "Let's fight!" but the British ran away shrieking "Big Eye Monster!" George Washington was confused. He looked at his sword but his sword wasn't there. It was the stuffed monkey that his mom gave him.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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A Letter from Camp

December 1, 1777

Dear Mother,

Being a camp follower is harder than I thought. I have started to learn how to cook, sew and wash clothing for all of the soldiers. It was very hard to find food to feed all of the soldiers, and the food was horrible. Sewing was hard at first, but I got the hang of it. Washing all of the soldiers' clothes took some practice. It was about 13 degrees, and I was very cold. I had to sew my own blanket. I also had to sleep in a tent. It was very hard sleeping on the tough ground, but I had no choice.

Your tired daughter,

Sally Cane

Haiku

George is standing tall

Washington is very brave

Hero forever!

George is very proud

The grass and flowers are nice

Trees waving to you



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Lafayette

Lafayette has towns named after him. George Washington thought of him as his adopted son. Washington thought Lafayette's loyalty was unshakeable. He was a hero in France and in the United States. Some people named their children after him. In a battle after the encampment at Valley Forge, Lafayette saved von Steuben's life!



Haiku

The long stone filled wall
That blocked enemy attack
Protecting the chief

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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