

4th Grade Garden Scavenger Hunt!

Directions: Find the plants described below and answer the questions.

1. Find the common plaintain weed known to Native Americans as “the white man’s footprint”. Why might Native Americans have called this weed “the white man’s footprint”?

Fun Fact: *Plaintain can be crushed or chewed and placed as a poultice directly on bee stings, bug bites and rashes.*

2. Find the pokeweed (hint: it’s near the compost pile). Don’t touch this plant as it is poisonous. True or False: The berries on this plant were used to make ink with which the Declaration of Independence was written, because colonists did not want to use British ‘India Ink’. _____
3. Find the Maranka gourds that the Cherokee Indians used to decorate their sweat lodges (hint: they’re hiding in a vine structure). Keep looking – egg gourds can be found in the same spot – how many do you see? _____
4. Find the Dana’s Delight but be careful and don’t put your hand into these deep pitchers or it might get stuck! What kinds of animals don’t like Dana’s Delight? _____
5. Find the aloe plant (hint: it’s in 2 spots in the garden – one is where the useful plants are and the other is where some of you may have planted last year during your country studies). What can aloe be used for? _____
6. Find the Mullein (hint: it’s not the same as Lamb’s Ear even though it is also soft and fuzzy).
Fun Fact: *Mullein was stuffed into socks by the pilgrims to keep their legs warm in the winter. Long before the pilgrims the Romans bundled its dried flower stalks together to make torches!*
7. Go to the useful plants bed and find the cotton. What is cotton used to make?

Fun Fact: *Cotton can absorb up to 27 times its own weight in water.*

8. Find the Jerusalem Artichokes (hint: they are not in any garden bed and they are neither Artichokes nor do they come from Jerusalem! They are also called sunchokes.)
Fun Fact: *The Jerusalem Artichoke is a species of sunflower native to eastern North America. It is cultivated for its tuber which is used as a root vegetable. This plant was first cultivated by the Native Americans.*
 9. Find the Jewelweed (hint: it’s near the gate by the blacktop and in the garden courtyard).
Fun Fact: *Jewelweed is commonly used to treat poison ivy and bug bites. If you submerge the leaves in water, the underside of the leaves will turn silvery. Jewelweed seed pods literally ‘explode’!*
 10. Find the word garden and make a three or four word sentence. What was your sentence?
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Corn Word Scramble

Unscramble the words below to discover some of the things that have corn products in them.

You can eat these for breakfast (best when eaten with milk)

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I scream, you scream, we all scream for . . .

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The best soda in the world that is bottled here in Chattanooga

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Paired with jelly, it makes a delicious sandwich

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Most people eat it on their french-fries

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This makes S'mores yummy

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Fuel for your car

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Your doggy eats it for dinner

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Word Scramble Answers:

corn flakes

ice cream

Coca Cola

peanut butter

ketchup

marshmallow

gasoline

pet food

Plant Pictures

Common Plantain Weed



Pokeweed



Maranka or Dinosaur Gourds



Dana's Delight or Pitcher Plant



Aloe



Cotton



Jerusalem Artichoke or Sunchoke



Jewelweed



Mullein

