

Skillbuilder: Make an Outline

- I. Pioneers on the frontier were eager to build homes.
 - A. Cut down trees to make a clearing
 - B. Used logs from the trees to build a rough house
 - C. Only furniture might be a table, a bed, and a spinning wheel
- II. Pioneers depended on crops and farm animals for food.
 - A. Grew corn and other grains
 - B. Raised cows and hogs

Practice

1. What is the first main idea in the outline?

2. How many supporting details does the second main idea have? _____

3. What title would you give this outline?

4. Write an additional detail to support the second main idea.

Apply

Create an outline of this passage. Write your outline on a separate sheet of paper.

By the late 1700s, thousands of settlers had crossed the Appalachian Mountains. They went to the Ohio and Mississippi river valleys looking for good, inexpensive farmland and new opportunities.

As the settlers went west, they moved onto land that was already settled by American Indians. Shawnee, Choctaw, Cherokee, and other American Indian nations built villages, farmed, and hunted between the Appalachians and the Mississippi River. American Indians and settlers fought for this land. They also borrowed each others' ideas and customs.