

ALBUM DO YOU KNOW WHAT AN APRON IS?

Album Description

In conversation with young students we got to talking about “old things”. These were things that the students did not really know about such as dial phones, vinyl records, and somehow, of all things aprons.

It reminded me of a poem called Grandma’s Apron by Tina Trivett,
<https://apronstringsotherthings.com/grandmas-apron-a-poem-for-you/>

We looked it up and the concept of this type of grandma was also very unfamiliar to them. It got me thinking about other people who wore aprons that were probably not familiar to them and of course I went searching at the Library of Congress.

It cracked the boys up that what they considered something for girls was the name of part of an airport or a manufacturing machine. We then located pictures of men wearing aprons. We looked at the pictures and tried to figure out why the people were wearing aprons. We speculated on why the machine and flight areas had aprons.

There are so many possibilities for this topic. Do you see any that would work for you?

CHILDREN IN APRONS



Teaching Notes:

Kindergarteners finger painting

CHILDREN IN APRONS



GIRLS IN APRONS



Teaching Notes:

Girls learning to cook.

MAN IN SHORT APRON



Teaching Notes:

Ask what the man is doing and why he is wearing an apron.

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MAN IN APRON



Teaching Notes:

Why was this apron long and the other man had a short apron?

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WOMAN IN APRON



Teaching Notes:

Why was she wearing an apron?

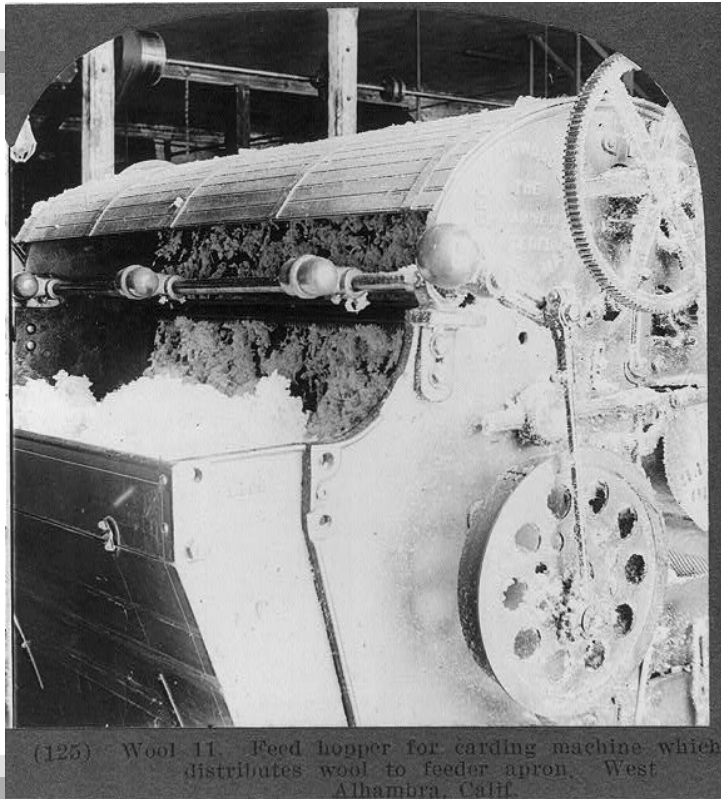
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WOMAN IN LACY APRON



WOOL CARDING MACHINE



Teaching Notes:

Wool carding machine that distributes wool into the feeder apron.

FLIGHT APRON



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Teaching Notes:

I love this! Who would have thought...aprons!?

We had a similar conversation a few weeks ago when I did The Contents of Abraham Lincoln's Pockets <https://www.loc.gov/resource/lprbscsm.scsml049/?st=gallery> with a group of 5th graders. The unknown objects in this lesson included a handkerchief and a pocket watch (not to mention the fob on the watch).

How quickly things change!