Mennonite History for Young People

Worksheet 5

Volume 2 Discovering Mexico – A Strange New Land

**Chapter Three - Children Play and Then Grow Up**

Begin reading from Section 2.

1. What is the name for Father Christmas in Low German?

2. What had David’s father been building for their family for Christmas?

3. How did his father build it and what was the only thing he had to buy?

4. Why did the welder not like David’s bicycle?

5. Do you have any examples of any one in your family building things like the bicycle. If yes, please explain.

6. What Christmas traditions are celebrated in Mexico? Does your family do the same

things now that they live in Canada?

7. From Section 3, explain what some of the things were that the boys and girls did when they were *groot* or too old to attend school any longer?

**Chapter 4 – Farmers Grow Up**

8. Go to Section 2 titled “Corn” and write the name of the people in Chihuahua who had grown corn for many hundreds of years before the Mennonites came to Mexico?

9. How did this group and later the Mexicans plant their corn?

10. Describe what are the children doing in the picture at the bottom of page 35?

11. Why did the Tarahumara not want the corn plants to come up too soon? (pgs. 35/36)

12. Look at the box on page 36 and tell me how fast David’s uncle could pick corn?

13. What did they turn the ripe corn kernels into? (pg. 36) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. What does the word **succulent** mean based on the context clues on the bottom of page 36?

15. According to page 37, how did the corn get husked?

16. When it came to selling the crop, what was the choice the Mennonite farmers had to

make? (pg. 37)

17. What does *Queso Menonita* mean in English?

18. Please read page 38 and retell the story of how the Mennonites started making their own cheese. Please use at least 3 complete sentences in your answer.

20. When did cheese making start in Durango colony? (pg. 39) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

21. What was the milk wagon driver’s daily responsibility? (pg. 39)

22. How did the cheese factories change the Mennonite way of life? (pgs. 39/40)

23. What does it mean when it says on page 40 that the Mennonites did not need a middle-man to help them sell their cheese?

24. What did the families do with the milk that they stored when there were holidays? (pg. 41)

25. What things do you like to eat that might be made with Mennonite cheese?

**Chapter 6 – Inventive Pioneers**

26. What are some of the machines that the Mennonites brought with them when they came to Mexico from Canada? (pg. 57)

27. What was the first Mennonite implement made in Mexico? (pg. 58)

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28. From the same page, what is the name of another Mennonite made machine?

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29. Who worked at building these Mennonite machines? (pg. 58)

30. Have your parents or grandparents created machines or other things to get jobs done? If so, please give an example.

31. Read page 59 about how to keep food cold without a fridge. Write a 3 sentence

summary of what you learn.