

WHITEHEAD MEMORIAL MUSEUM



A SMALL FRONTIER VILLAGE IN THE MIDDLE OF DEL RIO, TEXAS

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Blacksmith Shop

LEARN



A blacksmith is a person who creates objects from iron or steel by using heat and tools to hammer, bend, and cut metal. Pioneer communities depended heavily on the blacksmith as their primary source for tools, utensils, farming equipment and many other items.

Many blacksmiths also made and installed shoes on horses and oxen.

IMAGINE

Do you think creating objects from metal was easy or difficult?

A blacksmith used heat to make the metal soft enough to create objects.

What did they use that was hot enough to heat up the metal?

CREATE

Using your favorite modeling clay, pretend the clay is metal, and create objects a blacksmith would have, such as horse shoes, forks, spoons, knives, and axes.

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