

A-Z in the Ozarks
Story Box Descriptions
(Recommended for grades K-2 & ESL)

The *A-Z in the Ozark* program is a series designed to enrich basic learning in the classroom. Each of the 26 history lessons can stand alone or be used together. In addition, the lessons and activities often cross the boundaries into other curriculums such as math, science, and language arts. They can be used to supplement phonics programs, and are designed to be used by the teacher. The following gives a brief overview of each lesson.

A - Aviators: Students learn about the famous aviators of the Ozarks and the machines they flew.

Story Box Contents

- Instructor's Guide with Aviator Biographies
- Book: Demand, Carlos. *Airplanes of World War I Coloring Book*
- Book: Robinson, Nick. *Super Simple Paper Airplanes*
- World War I pants- T.C. 1018
- World War II patch- Enlisted Glider Paratrooper Hat Patch
- Model P-51D Mustang with stand
- Girl Scouts® Camera and Flash with box- T.C. 1971

Art Activities

- Bi-Plane Coloring sheet
- Hot Air Balloon Coloring Sheet

B - Bees: Students learn how bees pollinate to make honey and how the process is critical to our food supply.

Story Box Contents

- Bee Keeper Smoker
- Beekeeping Jacket
- Beekeeping Smock
- Beekeeping Veil
- Bees Wax
- DVD – *City of Bees*
- Book – *Hooray for Beekeeping*
- Plastic Flowers with Bee

C - Cabins: Students learn the process of cabin-making. Discussion includes what types of cabins were used by the pioneers.

Story Box Contents

- Mini Cast Iron Pot Belly Stove
- Mouse Trap
- Candle & Candle Holder
- Model Cabin
- Currier & Ives Prints (3)
- Rug
- Stove & Fireplace Poker

D - Diamonds in the Dust: The lesson reviews the five regions of Arkansas as well as various minerals that are derived from each region.

Story Box Contents

- Story – *Diamonds in the Dust*
- Trivia Sheet – Arkansas
- Hard Hat
- Kitchen Apron
- Set of Stones and Minerals Containing: Quartz, Coal, Bauxite, Diamond, Gravel, Shale, Sulfur and Amethyst
- Wooden Puzzle “Digger Dan Mining Spot”
- Screen Filter

Art Activities

- Regions of Arkansas Coloring Sheet
- Maze Worksheet
- “Digger Dan” Coloring Sheet
- Seek-A-Word Puzzle

E - Eagles: Students learn the importance of these majestic birds such as the Bald Eagle and how they live in Arkansas and how they are important as an American symbol.

Story Box Contents

- Book – *Eagles*
- DVD – American Eagle
- Eagle Statue
- Plastic Eagle Egg
- Eagles Nests (2)

F - Farming: Students learn about Farmers, what they can grow, what tools they use and how they are important to America and the world.

Story Box Contents

- Axe Head
- Book – *The Tree Farmer*
- Cow Shackles
- DVD – *Animal Atlas: Fun on the Farm*
- Book – *Haystack*
- Metal Chicken Feeder
- Ox Shoes
- Plastic Barn
- Plastic Chicken House
- Round Bell
- Square Bell
- Miniature Hay Bails (3)
- Wheat
- Wooden Barn Cutout

G - Going Green: Students learn the importance of keeping the world clean by recycling and other methods.

Story Box Contents

- Letter Opener – Burpee's Seeds Grow
- DVD – *Victory Gardens of WWII: The American Farmers Pitch In*
- Zinnia Seed Packets (2)
- Water Can
- Book – *The Giant Sweet Potato*

H – Horses: Students learn how the horse helped many pioneer families come to Arkansas, helped them farm the land, transport crops, and is still used by many people today.

Story Box Contents

- Book – *Little Black goes to the Circus*
- Book – *Little Black, A Pony*
- Horse Shoe Puller
- Leather Bridle
- Leather Oil Bottle
- Small Crowbar
- Horseshoes (2)

I - Immigrants: America is a land of immigrants, and students will learn about the many peoples that have made the area what it is today.

Story Box Contents

- American National Bank Bag
- Bit
- Brace
- Child Sad Iron
- CD PowerPoint Presentation - Coming to Arkansas
- DVD – *American History for Children: Immigration to the USA*
- Gold Sad Iron
- Hand Drill
- Toy Sad Iron
- Wood Working Chisel
- Wood Working Plane

J - Jams and Jellies: Various types of berries are reviewed and students learn about making jelly.

Story Box Contents

- 1 Liter Glass Canning Jar
- 1 Pint Glass Canning Jar
- Plastic Grapes
- Plastic Apples (2)
- Plastic Pears (2)
- Plastic Strawberries (3)
- Canning Jar Funnel
- Canning Jar Funnel / Strainer / Measurer / Dipper / Filler
- 7 Slot Canning Jar Holder
- Single Slot Canning Jar Holder
- Canning Jar Wire
- Book: *Jamberry*
- Derby Tamales Lid
- Fruit Jar Opener
- Fruit Jar Wrench
- Fruit Spoons (2)
- Hard Candy Metal Tray
- Smoothie Mixer & Measure Lid
- Measuring Cups (2)

K - Kitchens: Students will study old fashioned cooking methods and cookware.

Story Box Contents

- Bacon Press

- Blue Enamel Bowl
- Blue Enamel Coffee/Tea Pot
- Blue Enamel Plate
- Bottle Opener
- Can Opener
- Cast Iron Skillet
- Chopper
- Corn Shaped Ice Cream Mold
- Spring Balance Scale
- Ice Card
- Book: *The Kitchen*, Bobbie Kalman
- Rotary Cheese Grater
- Slicer
- Tenderizer

L - Latinos: Students will explore the many different Latino groups we have in the Ozarks and about their cultures.

Story Box Contents

- Baptismo Decoration
- Clay Toy Cup
- Hand Fan with Bamboo Handle
- Mexican Wedding Dress
- Music CD – *15 Exitos de Cepillin*
- Music CD – *Rhythms Del Mundo*
- Porcelain Toy Bowl
- Puerto Rican Money Pouch
- Small Sombrero
- Toy Spinning Top
- Maracas (2)
- Wooden Spoons (2)
- Wooden Baby Rattle

M - Mountain Music: In addition to the storybook *Turkey in the Straw* by Barbara Shook Hazen, recordings Ozark Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer are included so students may hear the song “Turkey in the Straw,” as well as the many other instruments found in the rural landscape of Arkansas.

Story Box Contents

- Book – *Turkey in the Straw*, Barbara Shook Hazen
- CD – *I Love This Girl: Old Time Fiddle & Banjo*, Curly Miller and Carole Anne Rose

- CD – *The Old 78's: Old Time Fiddle Rags, Classic & Minstrel Banjo*, Curly Miller and Carole Ann Rose and Clarke Buehling
- Toy Fiddle

Activities

- Crossword Puzzle – *What Makes Ozark Mountain Music?*
- Coloring Sheet – *Ozark Mountain Music*
- Coloring Sheet – Fiddle
- Coloring Sheet – Banjo
- Coloring Sheet – Guitar
- Coloring Sheet – Dulcimer
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N - Native Americans: Students will learn about the Native Americans in Arkansas and what they ate, how they made their homes and where they are living today.

Story Box Contents

- Awl
- Axe Head
- Deer Hide
- DVD – *Road to Removal: The Cherokees, 1800-1840*
- Graver
- Lightly Woven Basket
- Book – *Itse Selu: Cherokee Harvest Festival*, Daniel Pennington
- Pick Head
- Projectile Point
- Scraper
- Tightly Woven Basket
- Plastic Black Shells (2)

O - One Room School Houses: Students will learn the difference in schools of the past and their school today by doing different lessons and experiencing the objects that people used.

Story Box Contents

- Collapsible Cup
- Slate Pencils (5)
- Fold Out Ruler
- Ink Bottle
- Pen
- Pencil Sharpener
- Slate
- Slate Rags (3)

- Sun Bonnet
- The Practical Use of a Drawlet

P - Pigs: Pigs were once an important part of the home life in the Ozarks. They were used for food and became a famous symbol for the University of Arkansas that has been used by businesses and fans.

Story Box Contents

- Crane Company Bronze Plaque with Raised Razorback
- DVD – *Hogs in the Ozarks*
- Hog Scraper
- Lard Pail
- Oral History CD – Hog Butchering by Maurice Deason
- Lard Soap (5)
- Peoples Meat Sign
- Stuffed Razorback Football
- Sausage Stuffer

Q - Quilts: Students explore the process of making quilts using the book *My Grandmother's Patchwork Quilt* by Janet Bolton and have the opportunity to observe several quilt blocks.

Story Box Contents

- Book – *My Grandmother's Patchwork Quilt*, Janet Bolton
- Book – *Eight Hands Round a Patchwork Alphabet*, Ann Whitford Paul
- One Each of the Following Quilt Samples: Hand-Stitched Star, Necktie, Windmill, Storm at Sea, Yankee Puzzle, Underground Railroad, Eight Hands Round, Old Tippacanoe
- Example of Quilt Layering
- Cabin Abstract (to compare cabin laying flat & cabin pattern on quilt)
- Cabin Model (to reference early American home building practices)

Activities

- Pattern Sheet for Making Your Own Crazy Quilt
- Worksheet – Quilt Pattern

R – Rogers: Students get a brief look at the town of Rogers and the changes that have taken place.

Story Box Contents

- DVD- *America's Heartland: A 1950s Film*
- DVD - *In and Around Rogers: An Early 1910s Silent Film*
- Sample Store Tokens (7)
- Daisy BB Gun Token
- Rogers New Era, 1886
- Rogers Sunday News, 1976
- Walnut Street Meat Market Receipt
- G.H. Bingham Photographer Receipt
- J.O. Rand Grocer Co. Receipt, 1930
- J.O. Rand Grocer Co. Receipt, 1934
- Southwest Bell Telephone Company Receipt
- Southwestern Gas and Electricity Receipt
- The Rogers Wholesale Grocery Company Receipt, 1930
- The Rogers Wholesale Grocery Company Receipt, 1934
- The Wardrobe Cleaners and Dyers Receipt
- The Mountaineer Yearbook: Rogers High School, 1972
- *You'll Like Rogers* Brochure
- Rogers Tire Service Calendar
- The Rogers Centennial sticker

S - Sports: Students explore the teams and championships that have occurred in the Natural State.

Story Box Contents

- 1965 Rogers Mountaineer Yearbook
- Baseball Glove
- Coca Cola Rubber Ball
- Field Glasses
- Fishing Lure
- Kodak Instamatic Camera in Case with Flashcubes
- Lake Atalanta Post Cards Collage
- Lake Atalanta Postcard
- Rogers Football Program
- Rogers Mounties Football Pin
- CD – Sports Photos
- *This is Arkansas* Sporting Brochure
- View Master Reels in Holder (3)

T - Trains: Trains made the towns in the Ozarks what they are today. This box will show the importance of trains, the workers and material they haul.

Story Box Contents

- Coal
- Conductor Hat
- Conductor Watch
- Conductor Punch
- DVD – *Lots and Lots of Trains* (Volume 1)
- Book – *The Pictorial Encyclopedia of Railways*, Ellis Hamilton
- Book – *Pull a Lung*, Lynne Martin Erikson
- Frisco Systems Stamp
- Model Train Engine
- Model Train Freight Cars (6)
- Model Train Oil Car
- Model Train Passenger Car
- Model Train Tender-Coal Car
- Model Train Track (curved)
- Book – *The Caboose Who Got Loose*, Bill Peet
- Railroad Spike
- Frisco Railroad Worker Hat
- Red Lantern
- Wooden Train Whistle

U – Underwear: Students will learn the history of undergarments through props and books.

Story Box Contents

- Clothespins (6)
- Black Supporters
- Book – *I Wonder What's Under There: A Brief History of Underwear*, Deborah Nourse Lattimore
- Book – *Underwear!* Mary Elise Monsell
- Book – *Underwear: What We Wear Under There*, Ruth Freeman Swain
- Bustle
- Button Hooks (2)
- Cami Knickers
- Collapsible Metal Hanger
- Girdle
- Long John Pants
- Pantaloon (2)
- Petticoat
- Sew-On Supporters
- Smithsonian Sacro-Lumbar Support For Men
- Tan Nylon Panty Hose
- White Satin Garter

- White Stocking

V - Voting & Citizenship: Students will become aware of the rights and responsibilities that come with voting and US Citizenship.

Story Box Contents

- 33 1/3 Record: The Declaration of Independence by President Kennedy
- 48 Star American Flag
- Book – This Land is Your Land, Pete Seeger
- Book – The Impossible Patriotism Project, Linda Skeers
- Jim Grinder Campaign Postcard
- Mark Pryor Campaign Postcard
- Patriotic Toy Horn
- Will Rogers Campaign Button

W - Wool and Weaving: Students look at the steps involved in making a winter coat starting with the raw material and ending with the finished product.

Story Box Contents

- Toy Sheep
- Uncombed Fleece
- Finished Yarn
- Twisted Fleece
- Bolt of Red Wool
- Book – *A New Coat for Anna*, Harriet Ziefert

Activities

- Craft Pattern For A Coat And Trim
- *What's First?* Sequence Page
- Craft Pattern for Lamb

X – X Marks the Spot: Students will learn about maps through books and activities. Box includes historic maps of our area, as well.

Story Box Contents

- Book – *Maps and Mapping*, Deborah Chancellor
- Book – *Types of Maps*, Mary Dodson Wade
- Book – *Map Keys*, Rebecca Aberg
- 2011 state of Arkansas Highway Map
- Compass

- World Globe
- Map of the USA
- 1996 Atlas of Benton County
- Benton County General Highway Map

Activities

- Cork With Needle
- Red Magnet
- Transparent Display Box

Y – Yo-Yo's & More: Students will explore the toys that children of the past enjoyed.

Story Box Contents

- Wooden Alphabet Block Set
- Ball and Cup
- Cloth Doll
- Coca Cola Ball
- Gold Horn
- Graces With 4 Wooden Dowels
- Jump Rope
- Book – *Schoolyard Games*, Bobbie Kalman
- Spinning Tops (2)
- Large Red Record
- Main Street Arkansas Yo-Yo
- Book – *The Little Book of Tops: Tricks, Lore and More*, Don Olney
- Pcelain Doll
- Porcelain Girl Figurine
- Rag Ball
- Small Yellow Record
- Toy Spring Dog
- Wooden Chari
- Wooden Yo-Yo In a Bag
- Book – *Tops: Building and Experimenting with Spinning Toys*, Bernie Zubrowski

Z - Zoos: There are unique non-native animals in Northwest Arkansas and the students will learn about the Zoos where they reside and as well as the animals themselves.

Story Box Contents

- DVD – *The Big Zoo*
- Bear Figurine
- Beaver Figurine

- Bison Figurine
- Cow Figurine
- Deer Figurine
- Elephant Figurine
- Mother and Baby Goose Figurines
- Mother and Baby Opossum Figurines
- Pig Figurine
- Rooster Figurine
- Sheep Figurine
- Tarantula Figurine
- Turtle Figurine
- Squirrel Figurines (2)
- Baby Chicks Figurines
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*All 26 boxes are rotated to participating schools, to be used at teacher discretion.
Boxes are rotated through school libraries during the school year.
Boxes that are not currently on rotation are also available for individual check-out.