

***Suggested Student Notes***

**Even with disaster, Boone was steadfast to his dream of a home in Kentucky.**

***Leading Idea***

***Boone faced new challenges.***

Student Text, pages 116-117

- The following event is not included in the Student Text, but may be included by the Teacher. “Now, biding his time, and longing for greater adventures, Boone receives a message . . . It seems there are certain surveyors who have gone down the Ohio River and have lost themselves in the wilderness. Could Daniel Boone discover these surveyors for the governor? Assuredly. And hence he undertakes

his first real mission of independent leadership. He has but one companion, Michael Stoner or Steiner, and before them lie many hundred miles of trackless forest, with no road, no path, no trail. Yet the surveyors are found and led safely back to their own.”<sup>56</sup> Another biographer states they traveled “eight hundred miles, through many difficulties, in sixty-two days!”<sup>57</sup>

***For Reflection and Reasoning***

- What is a leader? When someone is a leader, they may be asked to work harder or longer than those they are leading.
- Daniel Boone was given many opportunities for leadership. Why was he the one that would be asked to purchase land from the Indians? Why had the Indians learned to respect Boone? Would this have helped them trust him?
- Why would Boone be the best man to clear the path of the wilderness trail? Note the picture in the Student Text. What types of tasks were required to clear the wilderness trail? What dangers

might have been met while they were clearing the trail? Why would a gun need to be nearby?

- How did Daniel Boone feel about Kentucky?
- Locate Boonesborough on a map.
- What is a palisade? How did the fort and palisade help protect the families of Boonesborough?

***Cultivating Student Mastery***

1. How did Daniel Boone help many other pioneers get to the frontier?

***Leading Idea***

***“God gave me a work to perform, and I have done my best.”***

Student Text, page 118

- “. . . Colonel Boone was visited by the great naturalist, J. J. Audubon, who

passed a night with him. In his ornithological Biography, Mr. Audubon gives the

following narrative of what passed on that occasion:

“Daniel Boone . . . happened to spend a night with me under the same roof . . . We had returned from a shooting excursion, in the course of which his extraordinary skill in the management of the rifle had been fully displayed. On retiring to the room appropriated to that remarkable individual and myself for the night, I felt anxious to know more of his exploits and adventures than I did, and accordingly took the liberty of proposing numerous questions to him. The stature and general appearance of this wanderer of the Western forests approached the gigantic. His chest was broad and prominent; his muscular powers displayed themselves in every limb; his countenance gave indication of his great courage, enterprise, and perseverance; and when he spoke, the very motion of his lips brought the impression that whatever he uttered could not be otherwise than strictly true. I undressed, whilst he merely took off his hunting-shirt, and arranged a few folds of blankets on the

floor, choosing rather to lie there, as he observed, than on the softest bed. . . .”<sup>58</sup>

Cecil B. Hartley, *The Life of Daniel Boone*

•“He [Boone] was one of the purest and noblest of the pioneers of the West. Regarding himself as an instrument in the hands of Providence for accomplishing great purposes, he was nevertheless always modest and unassuming, never seeking distinction, but always accepting the post of duty and danger.

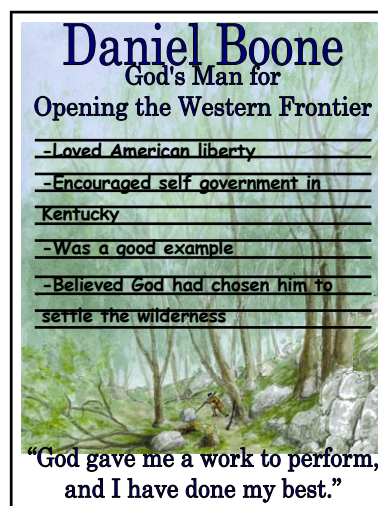
“As a military leader he was remarkable for prudence, coolness, bravery, and imperturbable self-possession. His knowledge of the character of the Indians enabled him to divine their intentions and baffle their best laid plans; and notwithstanding his resistance of their inroads, he was always a great favorite amongst them. As a father, husband, and citizen his character seems to have been faultless; and his intercourse with his fellowmen was always marked by the strictest integrity and honor.”<sup>59</sup>

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### *For Reflection and Reasoning*

- What character was required of the families that settled in Boonesborough? Were there demands upon these settlers that would not have been present if they had settled in one of the eastern cities? Why?
- What is liberty? Why were the settlers willing to die for their liberty?
- Daniel Boone believed God had given him “a specific work to perform.” Use *Student Activity Page 17-3* to conclude the study of Boone. Reasoning from the Student Text, list the contributions of Boone in opening the Western Frontier.

Reflect upon Boone’s statement, “God gave me a work to perform, and I have done my best.” Does God have a work for each person to perform? Should each person do his best?



### *Cultivating Student Mastery*

1. Daniel Boone encouraged the settlers to make Kentucky strong. What did he say the settlers would have to do?
2. Why could Daniel Boone be happy at the end of his life?