



# AG-VENTURE WITH IL HISTORY

Use the IAITC Illinois History Ag Mag to help you work through this worksheet!

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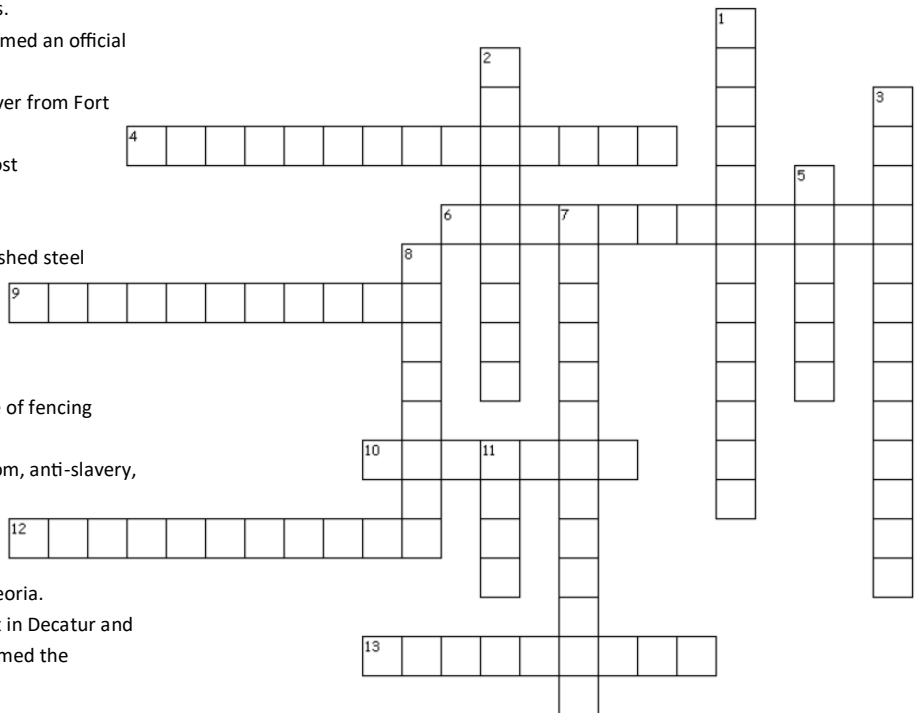
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Archaic	Were discovered by Marquette and Joliet during the exploration of the land that is now Illinois.
Mississippian	Introduced pottery vessels for storing food and began advanced their hunting techniques by using the bow and arrow.

Across:

4. He invented the reaper and other harvesting machines.
6. He was the first elected Governor when Illinois was named an official State.
9. He established the farm and trading post across the river from Fort Dearborn.
10. Natural phenomenon that left behind some of the most productive soil in the world.
12. He developed an engine that ran on ethanol.
13. He designed a plow that would clean itself with a polished steel curved blade.

Down:

1. He used his wife's wire hairpins to work on a new type of fencing which led to his patent for the barbed wire fence.
2. The territory known for education and religious freedom, anti-slavery, and trial by jury.
3. The Illinois State Slogan.
5. One of the explorers of the Mississippi River in 1673.
7. He began researching increased yield of penicillin in Peoria.
8. He opened the first commercial soybean process plant in Decatur and formed a football sports club team that was later renamed the Chicago Bears.
11. The Illinois State grain.







# TEACHER RESOURCES

## ANSWER KEY

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*Answers will vary but should be focused on how each of these types of transportation not only made transporting goods easier, but also more efficient. They also allowed these goods to be transported further distances, including travel to the oceans for access to import and export goods from other countries.*

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