MARTIN VAN BUREN NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

I have completed the Junior Ranger workbook to the best of my ability.

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Signature of Junior Ranger Candidate

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Date

Hello! Are you ready to learn about Martin Van Buren!
Do you know the name President Van Buren gave his home
and farm?
HINT: This leaf is from a linden tree.
HINT: 'wald' is the German word for forest
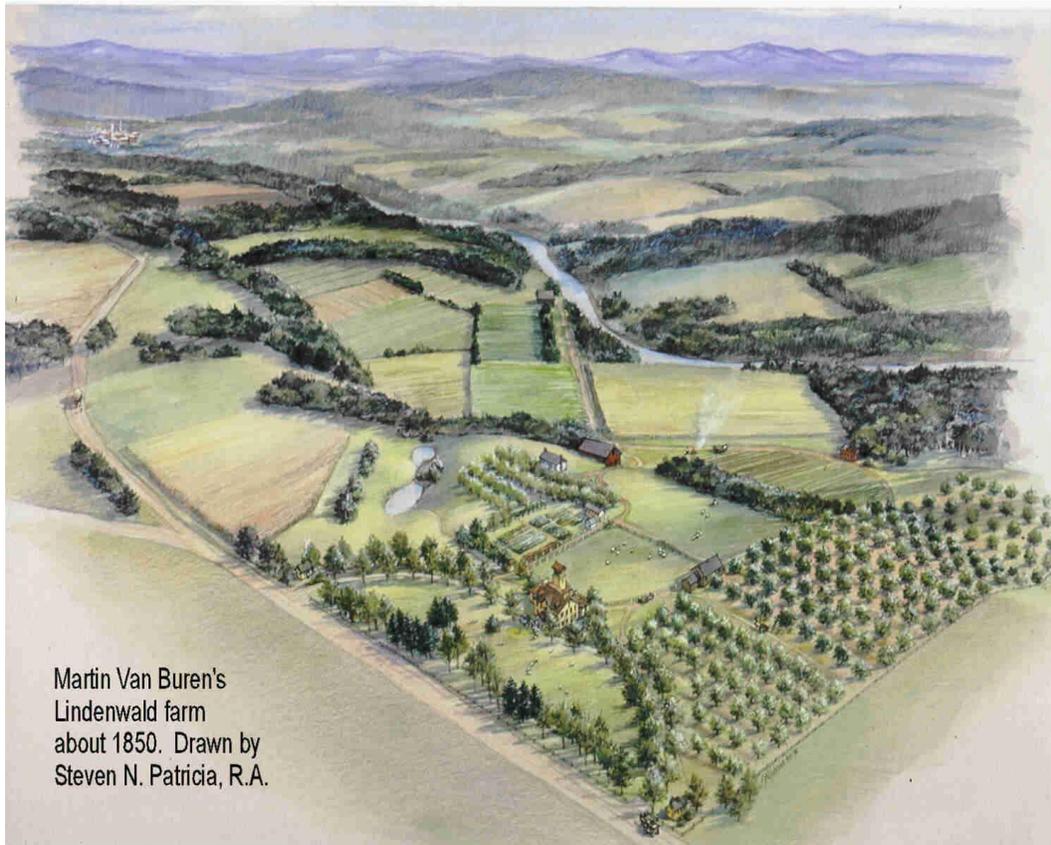
Write the answer here:_____

Let's learn more about the farm at Lindenwald. In 1839, when President Van Buren bought Lindenwald, no one had lived here for 15 years. Very few changes were made to the farm during that time.

What did the lawn and gardens look like if they were not taken care of?

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Draw a Picture of Martin Van Buren's Lawn & Garden

By 1850, Lindenwald looked like this picture.

Martin Van Buren's
Lindenwald farm
about 1850. Drawn by
Steven N. Patricia, R.A.

*Find the orchard and circle it.
*Count the number of ponds and write your answer here. _____
*Draw an arrow pointing to the Kinderhook Creek. This is the west
 border of President Van Buren's farm.

We didn't see them in the picture, but there were many different kinds of crops here and many different kinds of animals.
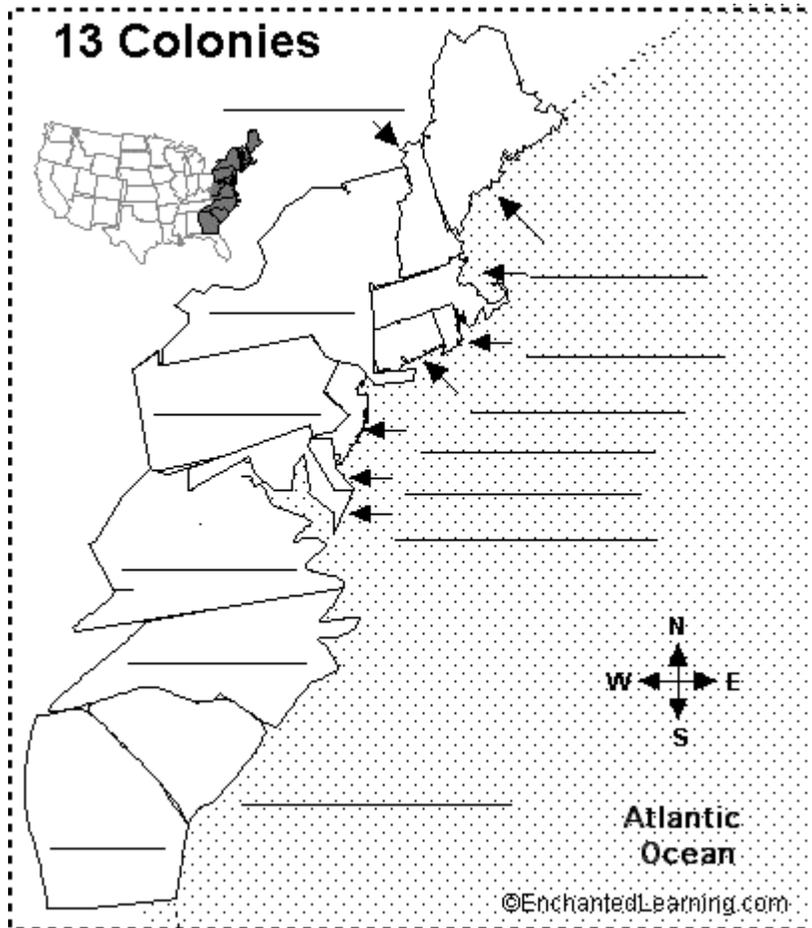
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CROPS AND ANIMALS AT LINDENWALD

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EPPDAPPLESDS
FTEHCSPBEANS
IIAATHAFGFTB
SJSERJIACOWS
HNEKPSHCRYRQ
DBCLOTURKEYS
HAACTAAPWEDY
OCBGACTOHKNE
ROBRTOLSPIGS
SRAAOFGRAPES
ENGIEDRJYLAC
SRENSOYSHEEP
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Words to Find And Circle

Horizontal	Vertical	Diagonal
Pigs	Peas	Beets
Apples	Fish	Chickens
Beans	Corn	Flowers
Sheep	Potatoes	Carrots
Cows	Horses	Oats
Turkeys	Cabbage	Pears
Grapes	Grain	

President Martin Van Buren came home to Kinderhook after a
political career that lasted 30 years. The United States of
America grew from 13 states to 34 states during his lifetime.
When he was born on December 5, 1782, New York was one of the
thirteen colonies that would become the first states.

Identify the 13 Colonies

**HINT: One line points to two different spots on the map. This colony was divided into two
states in 1820, as part of the Missouri Compromise. Choose the name of the colony from the
list below.**

Connecticut
Delaware
Georgia
Maryland
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
North Carolina
Rhode Island
Pennsylvania
South Carolina
Virginia

Are you wondering where Vermont is on the map? Martin
Van Buren was nine years old when Vermont became the
fourteenth state. Remember he was born in 1782. Let's do
the math and figure out what year Vermont became a state.

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 1782
+    9
_____    ANSWER
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The United States of America kept getting bigger. When
Martin Van Buren was 21 years old and a lawyer, there
were 17 states. What year was that?

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 1782
+  21
_____    ANSWER
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When Martin Van Buren was our 8th President, Arkansas
became the 25th state and Michigan became the 26th state.
How old was Martin Van Buren when he was elected
President in 1836?

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  1836
 -1782
_____    ANSWER
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Find and circle Arkansas and Michigan on the map.

ARKANSAS
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MICHIGAN
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President Van Buren had a big responsibility when he was elected President. The United States had grown from 13 states to 26 states. People who lived in northern states like New York and Massachusetts did not always agree with people who lived in southern states like Virginia and North Carolina. He believed that Americans could work together even when they disagreed.

Two things they couldn't agree on were money and slavery. After President Van Buren was defeated and left Washington D.C., arguments continued for twenty years and led to the Civil War. The United States of America almost broke apart and this made President Van Buren very sad as he had worked hard to help Americans work together. President Van Buren died during the Civil War. Had he lived, he may have said the end of the Civil War meant that Americans need to keep working together.

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