Maple syrup is an **annual** crop. It is made each year. The sugar **content** of sap is about 2% so it takes **considerable** effort and energy to **concentrate** the sap into the **attractive** sweet maple syrup. It is **essential** that a **vast** amount of water be removed from the sap to **increase** the sugar content to 66%. The common **practice** is to boil the water out of the sap in a **shallow** pan with lots of **surface** area exposed to the fire. A **benefit** of this boiling is that it helps **create** the color and flavor of maple syrup. For many families it is a **tradition** to **tour** a local sugarhouse each spring during the maple season.

Unscramble the words below shown in bold above then use The second box to put them in alphabetical order.

1.	asincree	1.	
2.	tibneef	2.	
	tranocentce	3.	
	crapteci	4.	
5.	tasv	5.	
6.	tecnonc	6.	
	civtaettra	7.	
	naulan	8.	
	wallsho	9.	
	rout	10.	
11.	tassileen	11.	
12.	bradeblocsni		
13.	tearec	13.	
14.	racefus	14.	
	drattinoi	15.	
		±0.	

Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### Maple Words

Name



#### Across

- 1. Sap is collected \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Sap is usually collected with plastic tubing or in a \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Maple produces \_\_\_\_\_\_ sap into holding tanks
- 7. Many maple producers sell maple products at a farmers \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Two \_\_\_\_\_ make all the worlds maple syrup USA and Canada Down
- 2. On maple weekend maple producers \_\_\_\_\_ the public to visit the sugarhouse
- 4. Syrup is often made into other great products like maple candy and maple
- 5. Spring is known as the maple \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Maple syrup is made in the \_\_\_\_\_ of February, March and April
- 8. A \_\_\_\_\_ tree is home to sugarbush wildlife
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ is known as the maple season

Maple Words

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the words on the list as you find them in the puzzle

Branch				Dollar			F	Froze			
Blossom				Sap House			C	Cool			
Annual				Cream			North				
Ma	rket			New York			Noise				
Dry	,			Maple				Serve			
Inco	ome			lce			Steam				
Tim	e			Тар			Woods				
Kito	Kitchen			Sap			Ρ	Pan			
Visitor				Limb			N	Nation			
F	S	Α	Ρ	Н	0	U	S	Ε	R	V	Ε
Ρ	D	S	Т	Ε	Α	Μ	Μ	Α	Ρ	L	Ε
С	Α	R	D	S	R	0	Т	I	S	Ι	V
Ρ	0	Ν	В	R	Α	Ν	С	Н	0	Μ	U
N	W	Ρ	L	I	Ν	С	0	Μ	Ε	В	С
E	0	Α	0	Χ	Ν	V	Ε	С	Ι	W	R
н	0		S	Т	U	Ε	Ζ	0	R	F	Ε
С	D	Ρ	S	R	Α	L	L	0	D	Μ	Α
Т	S	V	0	Ε	L	Q	Ν	L	Ι	R	Μ
	Y	S	Μ	Α	R	Κ	Ε	Т	Α	Ρ	Y
К	R	0	Υ	W	Ε	Ν	Α	Т	Ι	0	Ν







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A Tap hole is drilled into the trunk of the tree. The tree trunk has several parts serving a variety of functions. The Bark provides a tough outer covering for the woody trunk of the tree.

The **Phloem** is just inside the bark and it conducts sugar produced in the leaves down to the roots.

The **Cambium** is the living layer from which the trunk of the tree grows. Xylem conducts water and minerals from the roots up to the leaves. The Heartwood is older, inactive xylem that provides structural support to the trunk.

Question from the picture and description

Fill in the blank: A taphole cuts through the bark, phloem, \_\_\_\_\_ and Xylem.

Maple Production i Worksheet

Life Cyle I

## Name\_



A typical sugar maple tree will begin producing seed when it is 30 years old or more. Seed develops from maple flowers that bloom in spring. The seed matures through the summer and falls to the ground in September and October. The seed lays dormant in the soil until spring when it grows into a seedling. In the first couple years it grows a single stem called a whip. Once the whip begins to develop side tranches it becomes known as a sapling. The sapling gradually grows into a mature seed bearing tree that can be tapped for maple sap

Questions from the story and picture:

From the descriptions given above fill in the blanks in the life cycle chart with the correct titles:

Seed, Seedling, Whip, Sapling, Mature Tree

Maple Production Worksheet

Leaf Parts



Questions from the story and picture:

- 1. Sugar is made in the leaf \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. The outer edge of the leaf is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. The petiole, midrib and veins conduct \_\_\_\_\_, water and \_\_\_\_\_ between the leaf and the tree

## Name\_\_\_\_\_

The leaf of a maple tree produces the sugar that makes maple syrup sweet. A maple leaf is made up of several important parts. The leaf blade is the broad portion of the leaf which provides the surface for photosynthesis. The blade is made up of 3 or 5 lobes. A sinus is the valley between lobes. The Margin is the outer edge of the leaf blade. The petiole attaches the leaf blade to the tree and extends into the midrib. The midrib and veins provide structure to the leaf blade. They also send sugar back to the tree and receive water and minerals from the tree through the petiole.



At the end of November in 1790, while in the city of Philadelphia, Thomas Jefferson purchased a fifty pound bag of pure maple sugar. The sugar was to be used to sweeten tea, a very common beverage in that time. He did not want to purchase white sugar as it had to be bought from the British who were producing it with slave labor. A gallon of maple syrup can make about 8 pounds of maple sugar so a 50 pound bag of maple sugar would have been made from over 6 gallons of maple syrup.

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- 1. What year did Thomas Jefferson purchase the bag of maple sugar? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. In what city did Thomas Jefferson purchase the bag of maple sugar? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. In what beverage did Thomas Jefferson plan to use the maple sugar? \_
- 4. 50 pounds of maple sugar would be made from about \_\_\_\_\_ gallons of maple syrup.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Once a maple tree is mature, 30 years or more old, it produces some seeds each year. However the number of seeds produced in a year changes dramatically depending on the weather and climate.

year. However the number of seeds produced in a year changes dramatically depending on the weather and climate. Thomas Jefferson obtained some sugar maple seeds around 1790 and had them sent to his farm called Monticello located in Charlottesville Virginia. He attempted to start a sugar maple plantation by having the seeds planted on this farm but the planting was a complete failure. None of the seeds grew into trees.

- 1. In what state was Thomas Jefferson's farm?
- 2. Maple trees always produce the same number of seeds. True or False
- 3. Thomas Jefferson sent the seeds to his farm to start a maple \_\_\_\_\_

## Name\_\_\_\_\_



Thomas Jefferson was so excited about the idea of producing sugar from maple trees that he sent letters to many other important people about this idea. Letters about maple sugar were written to George Washington, the first U.S. President, James Madison, the fourth U.S. president, Thomas Mann Randolph, Congressman and Governor of Virginia, and Dr. Benjamin Rush, a fellow signer of the Declaration of Independence. Do to limitations of the time Jefferson could not talk on the phone about it, go on TV or on the radio or internet about it he could only write letters or talk face to face.

- 1. What was Thomas Jefferson so excited about that he would write letters to such important people?
- 2. List one kind of communication that could not use to promote maple sugar.
- 3. List one kind of communication that Jefferson could not use.



Questions from the story and picture:

- 1. In this story maple sugar was being compared with \_\_\_\_\_\_ sugar.
- 2. What was a very common beverage in the 1790's? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Jefferson's friends were Dr. Benjamin Rush and \_
- 4. Maple sugar was just as sweet cane sugar in the tea party test. True or False

Name\_\_\_\_\_

One of the main uses for sugar in the 1790's was to sweeten tea which was a very common beverage at that time. To prove that maple sugar could be used to sweeten tea just as well as cane sugar a "scientific tea party" was held by Thomas Jefferson's friends Dr. Benjamin Rush and Alexander Hamilton with the aid of "several ladies". Each sipped cups of hyson tea sweetened with equal amounts of cane and maple sugar. All agreed the sugar from the maple was as sweet as cane sugar



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When planting sugar maple seeds failed at Thomas Jefferson's farm Monticello, he tried planting sapling sugar maple trees. In 1791 sixty sugar maple trees were ordered from a nursery on Long Island and planted in November. This planting also completely failed. In 1792 eighty more were planted but only eight survived into 1794. A couple of these survived for many years. Though sugar maple is an ideal tree for producing maple sugar, other species of maples would probably have grown better in the climate at Monticello. Most species of maple can be used to produce sugar.

- 1. Monticello was a great place to grow sugar maple trees. True or False
- 2. How many sugar maple trees lived from the 1791 planting?
- 3. Sugar maple trees are the best to plant no matter what the climate. True or False

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#### Maple Regions of New York State

Maple producers in New York State have come together to form the New York State Maple Producers Association. A producer association is an organization of persons having a common interest, in this case the production and sales of maple syrup and related maple products. This Association is broken in to seven subregions as represented in the map to the right. Maple producers who are members of the association get together in their regions on a regular basis for providing education, marketing opportunities and sharing experience.

Name St. Lawrence CUNTON FRANKLIN ST. LAWRENCE Northeastern **JEFFERSON** ESSEX Lewis OSWEGO Upper Hudson MONROE WAYNE GENESEE OTSEGO Western CHAUTALIQUA CATTARAUGUS ALLEGANY STEUBE DELAWARE Central ID STER SILLNAM Catskill WEST-ORANGE In which county do you live? SUFFOLK In which of the seven regions do you live? What region is the furthest from where you live? Which of the seven regions do you think has the most people living in it? Which of the seven regions has the least number of counties in it? \_ How many counties are in the maple region where you live?

#### Maple Math – Hundredths Place

#### Name



Maple Spelling Words

Name			

## Say the word Write the word Use the word

1.Season	
<b>2.</b> Annual	Maple syrup is made during one season each year it is an <b>annual</b> crop.
<b>3.</b> People	People can order maple products on line.
<b>4.</b> Bucket	Maple sap is collected from the tree with tubing or a <b>bucket.</b>
5.Chimney	The smoke made when cooking maple syrup goes up the chimney.
<b>6.</b> Icicle	On a cold morning you can see an <b>icicle</b> hanging from a maple spout.
7.Income	Maple syrup is sold so farmers can have some income.
8.Freeze	Sap will only run after a <b>freeze</b> in the sugarbush.
<b>9.</b> Kitchen	Maple sugar, candy and cream are often made in the kitchen.
<b>10.</b> Inches	The tap hole, a hole drilled in the tree to collect sap is 1.5 inches deep.
<b>11.</b> Month	The maple season usually starts in the <b>month</b> of February or March.
<b>12.</b> Cream	Maple <b>cream</b> is made by cooking syrup more, cooling it, then stirring.
<b>13.</b> Visitor	A <b>visitor</b> to a maple sugarhouse can see maple sap made into syrup.
14. Dollar	A <b>dollar</b> can buy some great tasting maple sugar candy
<b>15.</b> Order	People can <b>order</b> maple products on line.



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Hidden objects: ice cream cone, toothbrush, nail, tennis shoe, pencil, paper clip, fish , hockey stick, bell, hammer



Hidden objects: ice cream cone, toothbrush, nail, tennis shoe, pencil, paper clip, fish , hockey stick, bell, hammer

### Maple Syrup Measuring Convert the measuring units as indicated

Name

## One barrel of maple syrup holds 40 gallons



One gallon of syrup weighs 11 pounds



One barrel of maple syrup weighs pounds Two barrels of maple syrup weighs pounds Five barrels of maple syrup weighs \_\_\_\_\_ pounds Ten barrels of maple syrup weighs \_\_\_\_\_ pounds Two gallons of maple syrup weighs \_\_\_\_\_ pounds Six gallons of maple syrup weighs \_\_\_\_\_ pounds Nine gallons of maple syrup weighs \_\_\_\_\_ pounds Two quarts of maple syrup weighs \_\_\_\_\_ pounds One quart of maple syrup weighs \_\_\_\_\_ pounds Six quarts of maple syrup weighs \_\_\_\_\_ pounds Thirty two quarts of maple syrup = \_\_\_\_\_ gallons Three gallons of maple syrup = \_\_\_\_\_ quarts Twelve gallons of maple syrup = \_\_\_\_\_ quarts Twelve quarts of maple syrup = \_\_\_\_\_ gallons One barrel of maple syrup = \_\_\_\_\_ quarts

If one pound of maple syrup is worth \$3 then one barrel of maple syrup would have a value of \$\_\_\_\_\_



## Maple Math – Maple Leaf Maple Syrup Bottle Ordering Decimals

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place in order the decimal numbers on the maple leaf maple syrup bottles from the largest to smallest, then use the letters to answer the questions below.



Maple syrup can only be made from a