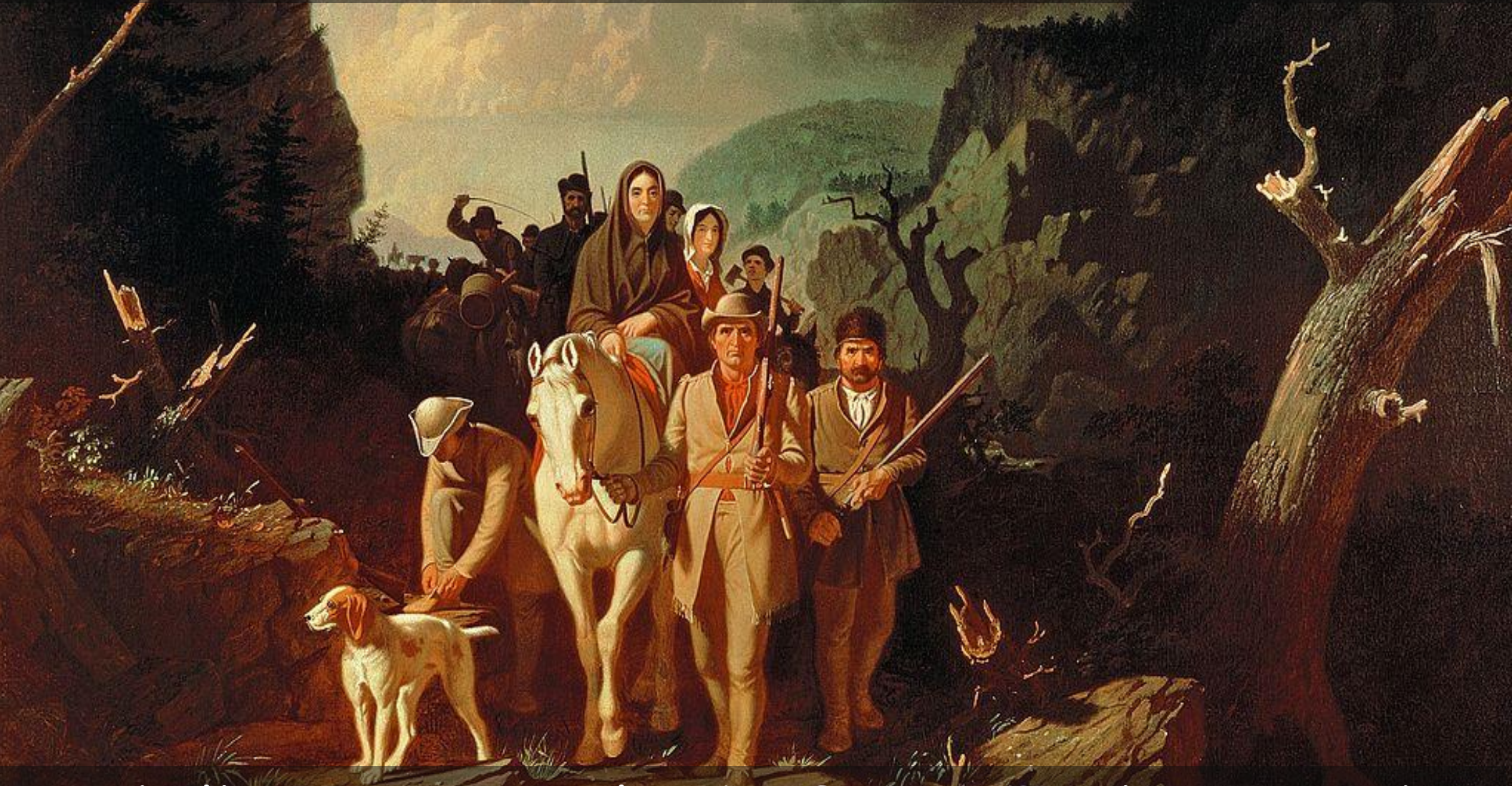


Daniel Boone



In this famous painting by George Bingham, Daniel Boone is leading settlers through the Cumberland Gap.

QUICK CHECK:

1. Daniel Boone was born on _____ in the _____ colony.
2. In 1750, Daniel moved to _____ and started a _____ business.
3. During the French and Indian War, Daniel was a _____.
4. Daniel took his family to _____ and built Fort _____.
5. The _____ is a natural break in the Appalachian Mountains.
6. Daniel helped clear a path through the Cumberland Gap called _____.

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Daniel Boone was born on October 22, 1734. Back then, there was no United States. There were just thirteen colonies. A **colony** is land controlled by another country. The thirteen colonies were all controlled by England.

Daniel Boone lived with his family in the colony of Pennsylvania. His parents, Squire and Sarah Boone, had ten more children! Growing up, Daniel helped his parents by working on their family farm. Since he didn't get to go to school, his mother taught him how to read and write.

Daniel loved the outdoors. He learned about hunting and tracking from his father, other settlers and the Delaware Indians that lived nearby. He became very good at hunting. When he was 12, he was given his first rifle. He would often leave home for days and return with plenty of meat for his family to eat for a week.

In 1750, the Boone family sold their land and moved to the Yadkin River Valley in North Carolina, where Daniel started his own hunting business.

In 1755, Daniel Boone served as a wagon driver for the British in the **French and Indian War**. After the war, Boone returned home where he met and married Rebecca Bryan in 1756. They had ten children and they also raised eight nieces and nephews.

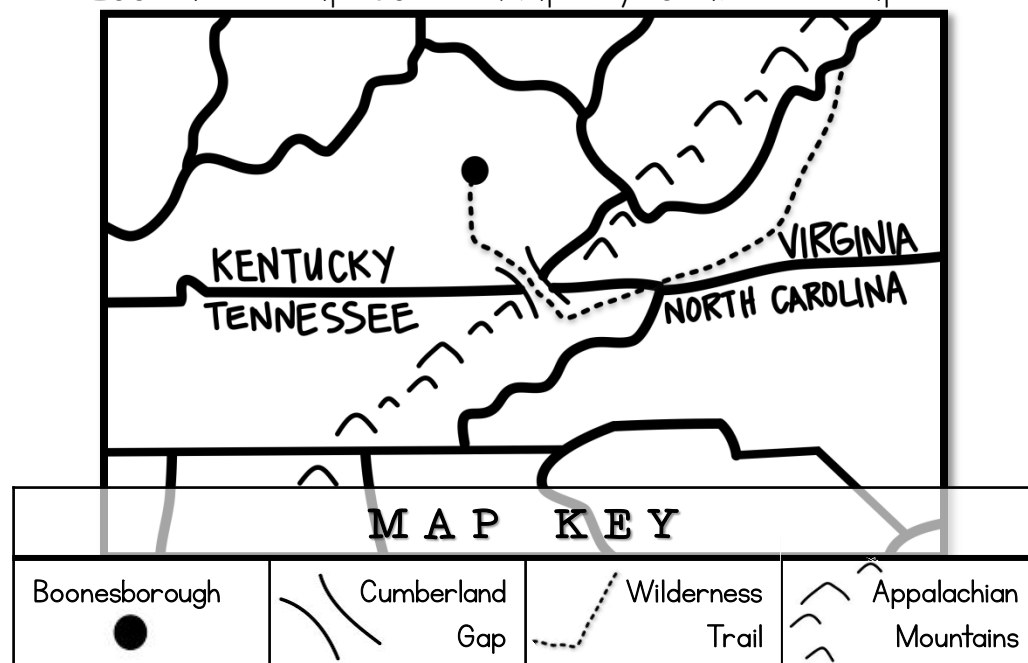
In 1767, Boone set out to explore Kentucky. The rough hills and a cold winter made him turn around and head back home. Two years later, he left for Kentucky again with five of his friends. After being attacked by the Shawnee Indians, four of the men left. However, Daniel stayed in Kentucky until 1771.

In 1773, he returned to Kentucky with his family and other pioneers to create a settlement there. In 1775, Boone and about 35 pioneers cleared a path through the Cumberland Gap. The **Cumberland Gap** is a small break

in the Appalachian Mountains where Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee meet. This path later became known as the Wilderness Trail. The Wilderness Trail later became a part of the Wilderness Road, which was much larger.

Boone helped his family, and many other families, cross the Appalachian Mountains using the Wilderness Trail. Travelers used this road to settle land in what is now Kentucky. They built a fort there and named it Boonesborough, after Daniel Boone.

Look at the map. Use the Map Key to label the map.



In 1778, Boone was captured by the Shawnee Indians and heard of their plan to attack Boonesborough. Boone escaped and returned home to warn the settlers of the planned attack. By the time the Shawnee Indians came, the settlers were ready to fight and saved Boonesborough.

In 1799, Boone said that Kentucky had become "too crowded" so he moved to Missouri with his family, where he died in 1820.

Daniel Boone is remembered as a great American Frontiersman. A **frontiersman** is a person that lives on unsettled land.

QUICK CHECK:

1. Daniel Boone was born on **October 22, 1734** in the **Pennsylvania** colony.
2. In 1750, Daniel moved to **North Carolina** and started a **hunting** business.
3. During the French and Indian War, Daniel was a **wagon driver**.
4. Daniel took his family to **Kentucky** and built Fort **Boonesborough**.
5. The **Cumberland Gap** is a natural break in the Appalachian Mountains.
6. Daniel helped clear a path through the Cumberland Gap called **The Wilderness Trail**.

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