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Trade Book Sheet

Title of book: The Floating House

Author's name: Scott Russell Sanders

Publisher: Macmillan Books

Copyright year: 1995

Reading level: AD810L Grade 5

Genre: Historical Fiction

Synopsis of story: A family moves from Pennsylvania to Indiana by floating down the Ohio River on a boat. This book describes their journey including the new things they see and the people they meet.

Standard: 4.3.8 Social Studies Create a map tracing the routes and methods of travel used by settlers to reach Indiana and identify ways in which settlers have changed the landscape in Indiana over the past two hundred years.

Activity: Tracing Their Journey: On the overhead projector we will as a class use the book as a reference and retrace the route used by the McClure family. We will also use the text and pictures to discuss what their journey may have been like.

Standard: 4.3.2 Social Studies Estimate distances between two places on a map, using a scale of miles, and use cardinal and intermediate directions when referring to relative location.

Activity: Tracing Their Journey Continued: Along with the activity above, the students will each have a map at their desks. With partners the students, using the route we have decided on, will find the distances between several places. Each pair will design their own scale and key and then label their map appropriately.