



## ADVENTURES OF DANIEL BOONE

When settlers first came to America, they made their homes near the East coast — Plymouth, Jamestown, New Amsterdam, Philadelphia. Then, as these settlements grew, folks began to move Westward, where the land was free. They took the trails that had been blazed by the great pioneers and explorers of those times. Among the greatest of these was Daniel Boone.

An explorer in those days lived a dangerous life. Not only were the forests teeming with wild animals, but some of the Indian tribes were unfriendly. Boone had many thrilling adventures, often escaping death by a few seconds or inches. But he knew the forest and he was a sure shot with the long rifle, so he was able to fight his way through the wilderness.

Today, there are towns and farms on the land that Boone explored, and the pioneer settlements he helped to start have become great and thriving cities. The American people will always be grateful to men like Daniel Boone, whose courage helped to build our country.

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## GROUNDHOG

Daniel Boone, when he was a boy, Daniel Boone, when he was a boy, Hunted groundhogs all the day. Groundhog!

On the ground there is a log, On the ground there is a log, And in the log is an old groundhog. Groundhog!

The children screamed and the children cried, The children screamed and the children cried, They love groundhog stewed and fried. Groundhog!

Hello kids, fat and thin, Hello kids, fat and thin, See the gravy run down my chin. Groundhog!

## CUMBERLAND GAP

Oh, the Cumberland Gap is a mighty fine place, The Cumberland Gap is a mighty fine place, The Cumberland Gap is a mighty fine place, Three kinds of water to wash your face.

Daniel Boone on Pinnacle Rock, Daniel Boone on Pinnacle Rock, Daniel Boone on Pinnacle Rock, Shot the bear with an old flintlock.

Chorus:

Lay down boys and take a little nap, Lay down boys and take a little nap, Lay down boys and take a little nap, Fourteen miles to the Cumberland Gap.

## BALLAD OF DANIEL BOONE

Come listen to my story and listen to it well, I'll tell you of a great man who served his country well. His name was Daniel Boone and he wore a coonskin hat And his clothes were made of buckskin, now what do you think of that?

Dan was born in Pennsylvania in 1734 In colony days before the Revolutionary War. He was famous as a hunter while he was still a boy, And the hours he spent in the forest, they were his greatest joy.

O, Daniel knew the forest, he knew the forest well. The mountains and the rivers and where the animals dwell. He was handy with a rifle and with a hunting knife. And he loved the open spaces, the cleanest kind of life.

Daniel was a fair man to Red men and to whites, And he never used his rifle unless he had to fight. He didn't like big cities; he kept on moving West, And he helped to build our country and tame the wilderness.

And now you've heard my story, there is no more to tell. The story of Daniel Boone who served his country well: His clothes were made of buckskin and he wore a coonskin hat— A democratic pioneer, I hope you'll remember that.

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