Patchwork Quilts

Vocabulary:

Block- the basic unit of a quilt top, usually square but can be rectangular or other shapes.
Crazy Quilt- A quilt made randomly from crazy blocks or patches.
Log Cabin- pattern in which narrow fabric strips, or logs, surround a center square to form a block.
Nine patch- Are made using nine square or rectangle units.
Patchwork -The basic method of making a quilt by sewing many small pieces of fabric together. In some countries also known as "piecework".

Create a Block:

A simple nine patch block is a good one to try with students if you want to actually sew.

Otherwise printout different quilt patterns and then cut the shapes out of foam to have a cool set of puzzles for your students.

Writing Topic:

Why were quilts important?

Reading:

Little House in the Big Woods, Chapter 9, p 84, and chapter 13

Specific Standards:

VA:Re7.1.3: Speculate about processes an artist uses to create a work of art.
VA:Cn11.1.3: Recognize that responses to art change depending on knowledge of the time and place in which it was made.