

Possible discussion questions to get Students thinking about the outbuildings and similarities & differences between the various groups. These questions are just guides. Feel free to add your own or take some away.

What chores can you think of that relate to the outbuildings, but are not mentioned in the Identity descriptions?

Who do you think would be emptying the privy? Why?

Who do you think would be stocking up the ice house? Why?

Who do you think would be slaughtering the hogs & smoking them? Why?

There used to be a wash house on the farm. Why would it require its own building? Who do you think might be spending time there?

Farms produced their own soap from ashes. Who do you think would have been responsible for making the soap? Why?

The barns are not included in the outbuildings because they are farther away from the house. What chores are associated with the horse barn and the sheep barn? Who would be doing those chores?

What buildings would the enslaved women be spending time at?

What buildings would the male tenants be spending time at?

What buildings would the enslaved men be spending time at?

What buildings would the Dinsmore family be spending time at?

If you were a child on the farm (either in the Dinsmore family, enslaved family, or tenant family) what buildings might you spend time at? Why?

The ice house was probably used by everyone on the farm. Do you think the privy was shared by all groups or do you think each group/family would have had their own? Why?