

## Making Candles

### Text 1:

In colonial times, candle making was one of the most important things that people did. Candles were the only way that people had light in their homes. The people in each house made their own candles. They made candles once a year and made around 400 candles!

The candles were made from animal fat, called tallow. The tallow could come from the fat of any farm animals, but sheep tallow was the best.

Candles were made by the dipping method. A thin piece of cotton was dipped over and over into the melted tallow. Some people also made candles from bayberries. They boiled the berries and used the wax that floated to the top.

### Text 2:

For a long time, people made candles using animal fat called tallow. Tallow was easy to get and a lot could be made at the same time. The tallow was melted. Then, candles were made by dipping wicks over and over again to make candles.

The candles dripped a lot when they were used and they smelled bad. In the fall, when it got colder outside, groups of women would get together to make candles. They made sure that everyone would have enough for the winter months.

Some people made candles by rolling beeswax. Beeswax smells good when it burns, but it costs more money.

