

## Hex Signs/Barn Stars Worksheet

1. Who introduced "Hex Signs" to America?
2. What were "Hex Signs" originally called?
3. Why was the term "Hex Sign" introduced?
4. Do the Amish and Mennonites use barn stars, or any other folk art?
5. What religion were the majority of the Pennsylvania Dutch who created a lot of folk art, including barn stars?

### Multiple Choice

1. What two motifs were a common theme in the barn stars throughout Pennsylvania?  
a. chickens and ducks    b. stars and chickens    c. stars and flowers
2. Stars, along with being mentioned in many scriptures throughout the Bible, play an important role in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. ice-skating    b. farming    c. hunting
3. Carl Freidrich was known as being the best \_\_\_\_\_ in the 1800's.  
a. astrological calculator    b. copper engraver    c. fisherman
4. Freidrich's tables were published in what book?  
a. the Bible    b. The Farmer's Almanac    c. a sports magazine
5. What country was Carl Freidrich born in?  
a. Germany    b. America    c. Austria
6. Geometric star designs can be seen throughout the regions Pennsylvania Dutch come from, including Germany, \_\_\_\_\_, and Switzerland.  
a. Rhineland    b. Austria    c. France
7. The Pennsylvania Dutch first came to American in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. 1700's    b. 1800's    c. 1600's

True/False

1. Decorative folk art with writing in Latin is called a fracture.  
True/False
2. The most important barn star artist of the 20'th century was Carl Freidrich.  
True/False
3. Folk art with stars and flowers can be seen on various house-hold items of the Amish, including butter molds.  
True/False
4. Barn star artist, Milton Hill, was able to produce optical illusions in his barn star art.  
True/False
5. Hill was a proud and superstitious man, typical of the Pennsylvania Dutch.  
True/False
6. Barn stars are no longer in existence.  
True/False
7. The Pennsylvania Dutch are a very productive, talented, and hospitable people.  
True/False