

Lesson 69: Pastoral Zoology & Textiles — The Sheep**PLL PART TWO****Pastoral Nature Study • The Sheep**

"Where is the sheep often seen? What does the sheep eat? With what is the sheep covered? Of what use is the wool to the sheep? We make the wool into what? What is a very young sheep called?"

Animal Study: Herbivorous habitat • Wool fleece protection • From shearing to warm clothing.

1 HABITAT, DIET & THE WOOLLY FLEECE

Answer the first four questions in complete, polished sentences:

- 1. Habitat:** The sheep is often seen grazing in _____.
- 2. Diet:** What does the gentle sheep eat? It eats _____.
- 3. Covering:** The sheep's body is covered with a thick coat of _____.
- 4. Young Sheep:** What is a very young sheep called? A _____.

2 UTILITY OF WOOL & CLOTHING MANUFACTURE

Examine how wool protects the animal and how people use it for warm garments:

- 1. Warmth for the Sheep:** Of what use is the wool to the sheep in winter?
The wool keeps the sheep _____.
- 2. Woolen Goods:** We spin and weave the wool into: _____.
- 3. Word Match:** A coat of wool on a sheep is called its _____.

3 EXPOSITORY PARAGRAPH • "THE USEFUL SHEEP"

Combine your facts into a smooth, cohesive 3-to-4 sentence paragraph describing the sheep:

Lesson 69 Teacher Key: Pastoral Zoology & Textile Science

ANSWER KEY & RUBRIC

Pedagogical Framework • Charlotte Mason Agricultural Science

Cross-Curricular Objective: Connecting biological anatomy (insulating fleece) to agricultural production and human industry (shearing, carding, spinning, weaving warm clothing). Reinforces declarative sentence construction.

1 SECTION 1: HABITAT, DIET & ANATOMY SOLUTIONS

1. **Habitat:** The sheep is often seen in **grassy pastures, meadows, and rolling hills.**
2. **Diet:** It eats **green grass, tender clover, hay, and grain.**
3. **Body Covering:** Covered with **soft, thick wool (or a fleece).**
4. **Offspring:** A young sheep is called a **lamb.**

2 SECTION 2: UTILITY & TEXTILE SOLUTIONS

1. **Use to the Sheep:** The wool protects the sheep from cold winds, freezing rain, and winter snow, keeping it warm and dry.
2. **Woolen Products:** Warm coats, blankets, sweaters, flannel, mittens, scarves, and stockings.
3. **Terminology:** A coat of wool on a sheep is called its **fleece.**

3 SECTION 3: MODEL EXPOSITORY PARAGRAPH

Exemplary Student Model Paragraph:

"The sheep is a gentle farm animal often seen grazing upon grassy green pastures. She feeds on sweet grass and clover and is covered with a heavy fleece of soft wool. This thick coat keeps the sheep warm in cold weather. In the spring, the farmer shears the wool so we can spin it into warm winter blankets and coats."

4 DIAGNOSTIC SCORING RUBRIC (4 PERFORMANCE LEVELS)

Evaluation Domain	4 • Exemplary	3 • Proficient	2 • Developing / Emerging
Zoological Accuracy	Demonstrates complete mastery of sheep habitat, diet, fleece insulation, and offspring name (lamb).	Answers all factual prompts accurately with standard terms.	Confuses sheep habitat or diet with other farm animals.
Textile Understanding	Clearly traces fleece from animal protection to human manufacturing (shearing → wool garments).	Names multiple woolen garments correctly.	Struggles to explain how wool is utilized.
Expository Paragraph Flow	Synthesizes facts into a fluent, cohesive paragraph with varied sentence transitions.	Writes an organized paragraph with complete declarative sentences.	Lists disconnected facts without paragraph unity.
Handwriting & Mechanics	Flawless letterforms aligned on ruled baselines; accurate capital letters and end punctuation.	Legible handwriting with minor mechanical slips.	Handwriting uneven, cramped, or baseline omitted.