



All about... LOGMARKS!

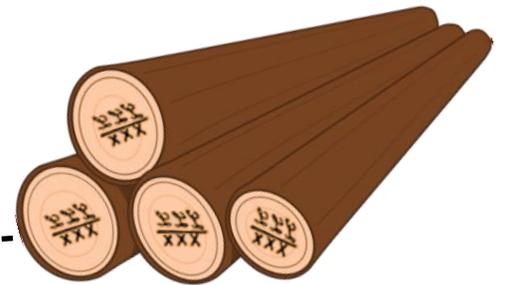


Billions of trees in Michigan were harvested in the 1800s by lumber operators.



These trees were cut into logs and then floated down streams, steered by men called river drivers. But how did they know who owned the logs?

Each operator had a unique symbol. Marking hammers were used to pound the symbols into the ends of the logs.



Using a marking hammer proved to be quicker and easier to read by river drivers than the axe marks that were once used.

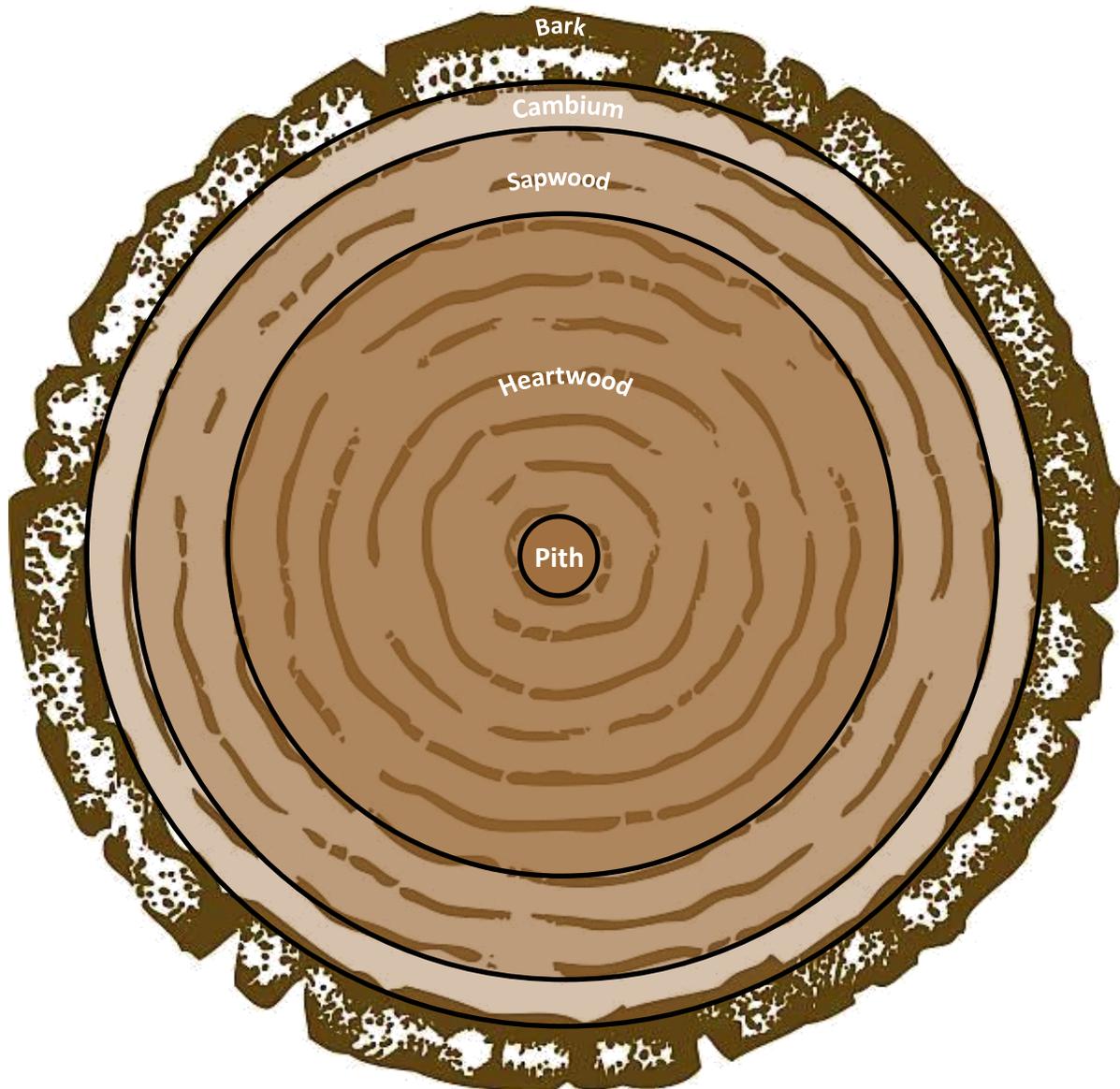


Eventually the logs were delivered to a mill where the river drivers would sort them using the log marks.





Make your mark!



Bark: *The bark serves as a protective layer just like your skin.*

Cambium: *A thin layer of living cells. It allows the tree to grow every year by making new cells.*

Sapwood (Xylem): *Made up of a network of living cells that brings water and nutrients up from the roots much like the blood that runs through your veins.*

Heartwood: *This is the dead sapwood that gives the tree strength and support, like your bones!*

Pith: *A small area of spongy living cells that bring essential nutrients up through the tree.*