

Kids Page

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Going to School Way Back When

Have you ever thought about what it would be like to go to school 50 or 100 years ago? Today, we can ride buses to school and all the classrooms are air conditioned. If you went to school 100 years ago, you would have had to walk to school. The only air conditioning available would have been the breeze coming through the open window.

A hundred years ago, you could have even attended a school that only had one classroom! These classes would have had the youngest students and teenagers all in one room. Can you imagine having class with your younger brother?

Before these classrooms were able to get blackboards, the blackboards were just painted black squares on the wall.



Corinth School, 1913 - One Room

Fifty years ago, schools were much the same as they are today. Here are some pictures of what it may have looked like when your grandparents went to school! This is a picture of a third grade class.

Below: Class photo of Sallas-Mahone 1953



Below: Marble Tournament at Central Elementary in the 1950's

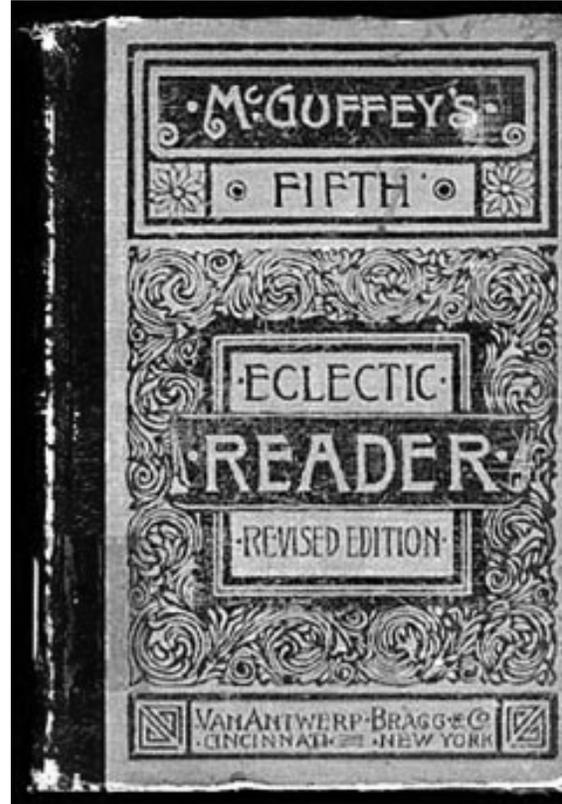


Below: South Street School was an elementary school for black students



Do you know about McGuffey's Readers?

William McGuffey was a Presbyterian Minister who was also a teacher. He produced these books in 1836. McGuffey taught at a one room school house and his students ranged in ages from age six to twenty. Soon a Publishing company asked William to help write these readers. Not only were these to teach students how to read, but the books also contained many moral and religious lessons. McGuffey helped to write six readers that started with the very basics. The very last reader included selections from Shakespeare. These readers were used to teach children how to read for over 150 years all across America. Some school systems even used the McGuffey Reader until 1978. From 1836 to 1960, over 120 million Readers were sold! These books have taught countless thousands to read and are a cornerstone in American Education.



**How many words can you make out of:
READING, WRITING, & ARITHMETIC**

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