

Be a Guest of the Past

Lesson Title: The One- Room School; video from Iowa Heritage Series

Objectives: TLW view video of life in early Iowa and explore the role and life of a teacher in a one-room school

Materials: video from Iowa Heritage Series

Introduction: Today we will watch a video about life in early Iowa.

Student Activity: Students will view video and discuss the one-room school experience.

Suggested questions/topics for discussion:

- What subjects were taught in one-room schools?
- Was there homework?
- How did the teachers know at what level students should be working?
- What type of training did a teacher need?
- Was there recess?
- Where was the bathroom?
- What type of supplies did students have?
- What did they write with?
- Who cleaned the schoolhouse?
- What was a typical lunch like?
- When did school start and end during the year?
- How long was a school day?
- How did people get to school?
- What were the punishments if someone broke a rule?
- Was there a choice whether or not to go to school?
- Were there assigned seats in school?
- Was there a dress code?
- What were the after school activities?

Assessment/culmination: Students will share information from film.