



“Video Lesson: Games”
Lesson 7: Games
Vintage Classroom

As we have seen, people in 1895 worked hard. Children were expected to help with household chores and sometimes work outside of the home as well. Schools reinforced the values of duty before pleasure, hard work, and taught students the skills they would need to manage their own households, work in local industry, or manage their own businesses.

But life was not all work. People gathered for picnics, to help each other with large projects like building barns or finishing a new quilt, and they found time to relax and play games together. Children’s games were often based on things that could be found around the house or yard. Old wagon wheels, hoops to hold together barrels, sticks, and balls could be adapted to other uses for fun. Carving or whittling sticks into hand-held games, dolls, or figurines would have provided enjoyment and a fun treasure.

This short video shows three types of games played by children in 1895.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/tWeEZypx-e0>

Assignment:

Find something in your home or yard that you can make into a simple game.

Teach your game to someone in your family.

Demonstrate your game to your class.