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MUST-SEES

- Watch the video in the Noah Webster Home
- Visit the Scotch Settlement School
- Listen to the sound clip inside the William Holmes McGuffey Birthplace
- Visit the William Holmes McGuffey School

GLOSSARY

PUPIL: a student or a young person who is learning from a teacher

SWITCH: a slender flexible rod used to discipline or punish misbehaving students

DRAW WHAT YOU SAW

Draw the types of clothing that you think boys or girls wore to school in the 19th century. Use the back of the page!



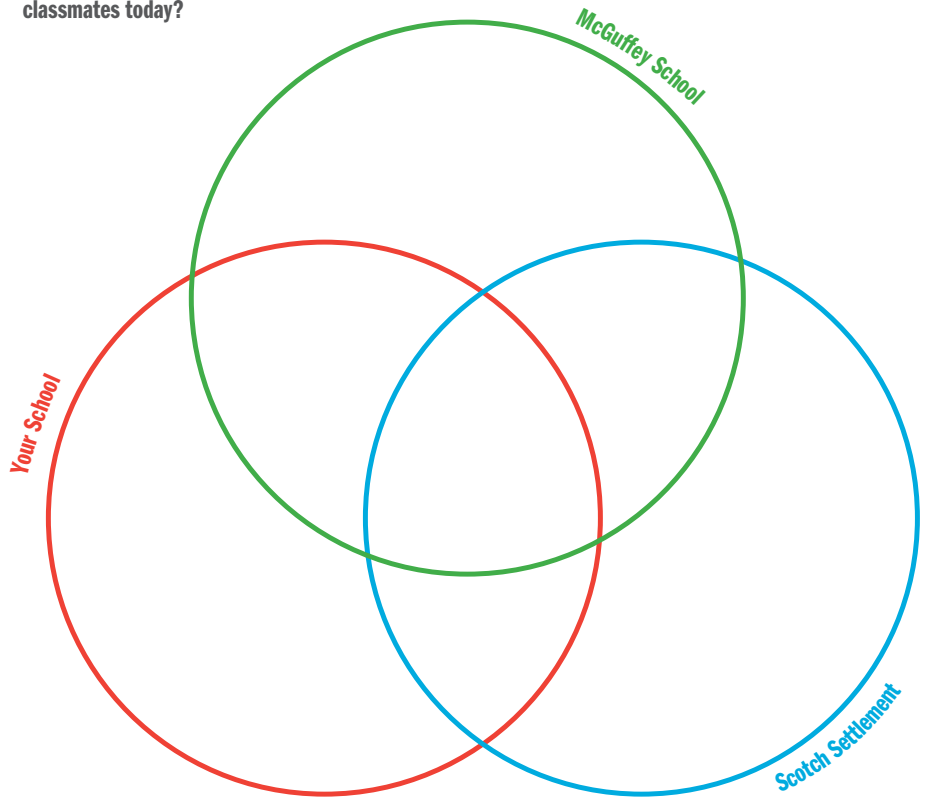
TEAM UP & TALK

1. Why did Noah Webster create the Blue-Back Speller? What did he want to change?

2. Watch the video at the Noah Webster Home.

How would a 19th-century school day be different from yours today?

Use the Venn diagram below to compare and contrast the McGuffey School, Scotch Settlement School and your school. Do they look different? How were the students in those schools different from your classmates today?



CREATIVE THINKING & PROBLEM SOLVING



- ✓ What will the school of the future look like?
- ✓ What kinds of tools will students of the future use to learn?

CHAPERONE TIP SHEET

The Henry Ford's History Hunters have been especially aligned to reinforce 21st-century skills, such as creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, and communication and collaboration. Use this tip sheet to engage students in the learning process.

Please remember that the person who does the work does the learning. Use an asking vs. telling approach.

The numbers next to the building name correspond to the numbers on the village map.



Here are some questions to ask the students as you explore Porches & Parlor and Main Street:

• **Noah Webster Home (87):**

- How are school lessons today different from those Noah Webster emphasized in his Blue-Back Speller?
Are there the same moral tales?

• **McGuffey School (94):**

- Why do you think there are no backs on the benches?
- What kind of age difference do you think there was in the classroom?
- What do you think the teachers were like? Did they have to go to school for teaching?
Or do you think they mainly knew how to read and write?
- What do you think lunchtime was like? Was lunch provided? Did the students bring their lunch?
If they did, what do you think they brought? Or do you think they went back home to eat?
- Why do you think there is such a drastic change between the McGuffey School and the Scotch Settlement School,
even though they were built only 30 years apart?

• **McGuffey Birthplace (95):**

- How did where you live affect your education? What about living on a farm compared with in the city?

• **Scotch Settlement School (50):**

- Why do you think the Scotch Settlement School is so much fancier than the McGuffey School?