

A Day as a Colonial Kid

Week 24 • Thursday • A Colonial Kid's Day vs. Your Day

Reading Time

Ring the morning bell! A colonial kid your age woke up before the sun. First came chores: feeding chickens, carrying water, and gathering eggs. Girls helped cook, sew, and make candles. Boys helped plant crops and chop wood.

After chores, some kids walked a long way to school. After school there were more chores, then dinner cooked over the fire.

But colonial kids had fun too! They played tag, marbles, hopscotch, and jump rope — games you may still play today. At night, families told stories by candlelight. Your life is different in many ways, but kids then and now both love to play, learn, and be with family.

Reading Questions

1. Name two chores colonial kids did.

2. What games did colonial kids play?

3. What did families do together at night?

4. What is one way kids then and now are the same?

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

chores

sew

crops

candlelight

marbles

hopscotch

My Day vs. a Colonial Kid's Day

Fill in the chart. Write what a colonial kid did, then what YOU do.

Part of the day	Colonial kid
Waking up	Before the sun, no alarm clock
Morning jobs	Feed chickens, carry water
School	One room, quill pens
Dinner	Cooked over a fire
Night time	Stories by candlelight

Think About It

1. Which colonial chore would be hardest for you? Why?

2. Colonial kids played tag and hopscotch, just like kids today. Why do you think some games last hundreds of years?

Fill in the Blanks

sun chores water school stories play

1. Colonial kids woke up before the _____.
2. First they did their _____.
3. Kids carried _____ and fed the chickens.
4. Some kids walked a long way to _____.
5. At night families told _____ by candlelight.
6. Kids then and now both love to _____.

Try It: Play a Colonial Game

You need: chalk or tape, and a small stone or beanbag.

Play hopscotch just like a colonial kid! Draw the squares, toss your stone, and hop through. Then answer:

Question	My answer
Was the game fun without any screens?	
Who did you play with?	
What other old game would you like to try?	

Review

I learned...	Circle one
What a colonial kid's day was like	YES / NOT YET
How my day is different and the same	YES / NOT YET
I played a colonial game	YES / NOT YET