

Teacher Guide to Student Worksheet 4-Comparing Schools

Characteristic	One-Room Schoolhouse	My School
Physical Structure	Building contains only one room	Many classrooms, rooms for other purposes
Climate Control	Pot-bellied stove, windows	Central heat, air conditioning (not always)
Number of Teachers	One	Many, usually subject-specific
Number of Students	Varied – 30-40 was typical	(fill in your school size)
Items Used for Instruction (books, chalkboards, etc.)	Chalkboard, readers/primers, small slates or copybooks for student use	Textbooks and workbooks for each subject, notebooks, whiteboards, smartboards, computers, TV, videos/DVDs
Discipline	Answers will vary, but it should be noted that rules were more stringent and discipline included corporal punishment	Answers will vary by school
Subjects Studied	The “3 Rs”	Core subjects plus others such as tech.ed., computer, home economics, etc.
Lunch! ☺	Brought from home, not hot	Cafeteria, etc.
Grading System	More basic, report cards handwritten	Computer accessed in many schools, most teachers use grading programs
Transportation	Walked, often far	Buses, parents’ cars
Ages of Students who Attend	5-13 usually	Middle school has only 3 grades, ages 11-14 or so

Note: Answers will vary, particularly depending on the documents examined and discussed, but some key points are included here.