



# Schoolhouse

## Activity

## Packet



## Average 19<sup>th</sup> Century School Day

- Woke up and walked miles to school
- School started around 7:00 am
- Entered the school house and said morning prayer
- Then stood for roll call (attendance)
- The teacher might then have given students jobs like collecting firewood or sweeping
- The first class was reading and writing
- The second class was geography
- By mid-day the children were let out for recess
- After recess was spelling
- And lastly was arithmetic (math)
- Class was then dismissed and the students stayed behind to help their teacher clean up
- When all was done, the children began their long walk home

**Teachers had to deal with large class sizes of all age groups, all under one roof. This made it challenging for the teacher to be able to fully teach each student to the best of their abilities.**

## Jay School House School Day

- Wake up and say morning prayers
- For the Jay family, it was a short walk to the school house which was on the property (the teacher is already waiting for the Jays)
- The first class might have been arithmetic (math)
- The second class might have been reading and writing
- The third class might be geography
- Next was recess outside on the Estate
- After recess might have been spelling
- And lastly, a class might have been French, Latin, or drawing

**Certain classes like foreign language and drawing are unique to the Jay home. Because of their wealth, they were able to hire a school master or teacher who could give them a more personalized and well-rounded education.**

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**School days often lasted 10 hours and were in one room schoolhouses that lacked electricity and running water. Multiple grades were combined in the one room. Also, there were no bathrooms to use except for the outhouse outside!**

## Modern Day School Day

- Wake up and catch the bus to school
- School started around 8:45 am
- Enter school and recite the Pledge of Allegiance
- The first class might be math
- The second class might be music
- The third class might be art
- Next is recess outside
- The fourth class might be reading and writing
- The Fifth class might be geography or social studies
- School is dismissed in the late afternoon

**School days often last 6 1/2 hours and are in buildings with electricity, heat, and indoor bathrooms. Classes are taken with the same grade.**

# *The Five Finger Lesson*

*“This Lesson Will Always be at Your Fingertips”*

*Schools are not just about educating but also about building good character. The children who went here might have been taught a similar lesson.*

*Trace your hand in the space below*



*Each one of your fingers represents a virtue*

- 1. Your thumb stands for kindness*
- 2. Your pointer finger stands for truthfulness*
- 3. Your middle finger stands for honesty*
- 4. Your ring finger stands for punctuality*
- 5. Your pinky stands for cleanliness*

John Jay School House

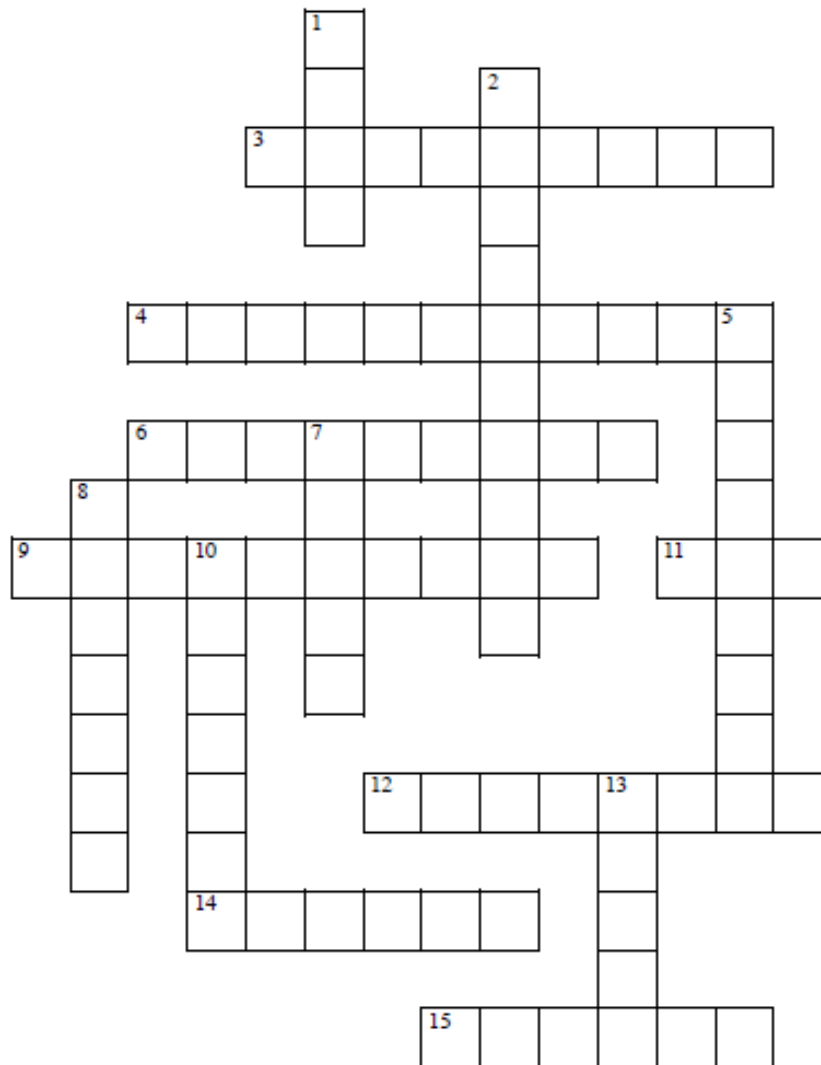
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latin  
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poem  
primer  
reader  
rhyme

schoolhouse  
sewing  
spelling  
tardiness  
teacher  
tutor  
writing

# School House Crossword



## ACROSS

- 3 Study of different topographical regions
- 4 Building where 19th century children go to learn
- 6 Act of being late to class
- 9 How well your handwriting is
- 11 Family that owns the schoolhouse
- 12 How letters are formed into words
- 14 Act of mending fabric together
- 15 Language spoken in France

## DOWN

- 1 Piece of writing that is usually rhythmical and metaphorical
- 2 A formal way of saying math
- 5 Children to school to obtain an...
- 7 1800's era name for someone who is not smart
- 8 Person who educates children
- 10 Taught to children so they learn to be polite
- 13 Root language for all "Romance" languages