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**School Days**  
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*“School Days, School Days, Dear old golden rule days, ‘Readin’ and ‘ritin’ and ‘rithmetic,’  
taught to the tune of a hick’ry stick....”*

If you remember the song mentioned above, I fear you may fall under the “*olden*” days category mentioned below. I thought with the beginning of a new school year it would be interesting to see what school was like in the really “*olden*” days. The information below comes from the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, Kansas and was reprinted by the Salina Journal. Due to limited space I am only including 3 or 4 questions under each topic as most had at least 8 to 10 questions.

Remember when our grandparents, great grandparents, and such stated that they only had an 8<sup>th</sup> grade education? Well check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in 1895?

**Grammar (Time: One Hour)**

1. Give nine rules for the use of Capital Letters.
2. Define Verse, Stanza and Paragraph
3. What are the Principal Parts of a verb? Give Principal Parts of do, lie, lay and run.
4. What is Punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of Punctuation.

**Arithmetic (Tim: 1.25 Hours)**

1. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 ft. long and 3 ft wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
2. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15. per acre, the distance which is 640 rods?
3. District No. 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
4. Find the cost of 6,720 lbs. of coal at \$6. Per ton.

**U. S. History (Time, 45 minutes)**

1. Give the epochs into which U. S. History is divided.
2. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
3. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn and Howe?
4. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, 1865.

**\*Orthography (Time, One Hour)**

1. What is meant by the following: Alphabet, phonetic, Orthography, etymology, syllabication?
2. What are the following, and give examples of each: Trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals?
3. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
4. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site. fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.

**Geography (Time, One Hour)**

1. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
2. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco.
3. Name all the republics of Europe and give capital of each..
4. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?



**First school in Krum**

**Right:** One room Jackson School, 1876

**Left:** Two story Addition, 1901

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**<http://www.webspawner.com/users/krumhistory/index.html>**