



Social Studies Your Way Texts



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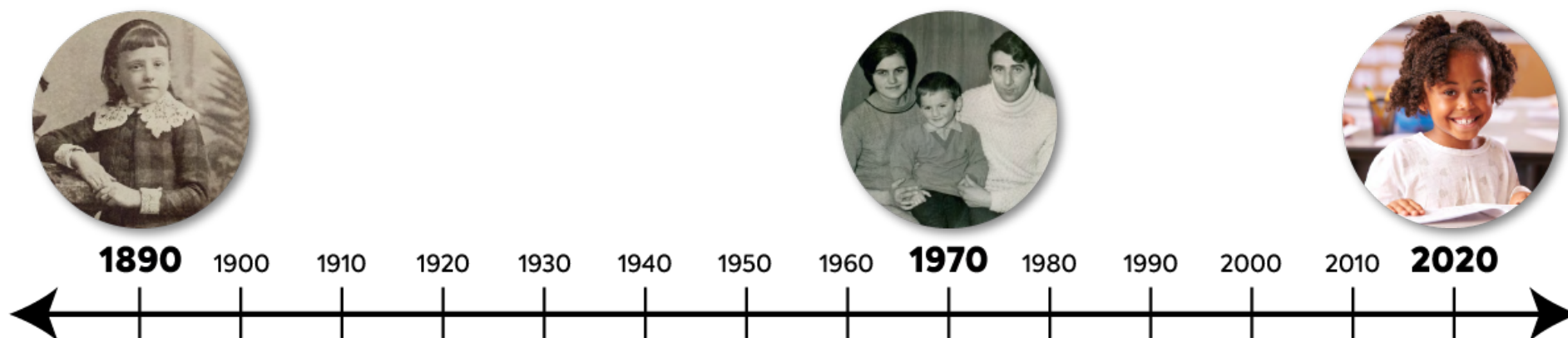
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Do you want to go back in time?
What things were different? What things were the same?

NOW AND THEN

By Patrice Sherman





Let's take a trip on a **timeline**.

A timeline helps us understand the past.

It can help us compare the past and now.

This timeline shows us when three kids lived.



Let's meet the kids. Maria lives in 2020.
She thinks it's a great time to grow up.
Her family has a new computer.



At night, she sets an alarm. She tells the computer,
“Wake me up at seven thirty in the morning.”



Keith lives in 1970. He thinks it's a great time to grow up. He got a new clock radio for his birthday.



At night, he sets the alarm for seven thirty
in the morning.



Clara lives in 1890.

She thinks it's a great time to grow up.

She lives on a farm. She has her own chickens.



Did You Know?



**Roosters
always know
when the sun
will rise.
Scientists
say they
have an
internal clock.**

Her rooster wakes her at sunrise.



But, sometimes Maria sleeps late.
Her dad has to say, “Time to wake up, Maria.”



Sometimes Keith sleeps late.
His mom says, “Time to get out of bed, Keith.”



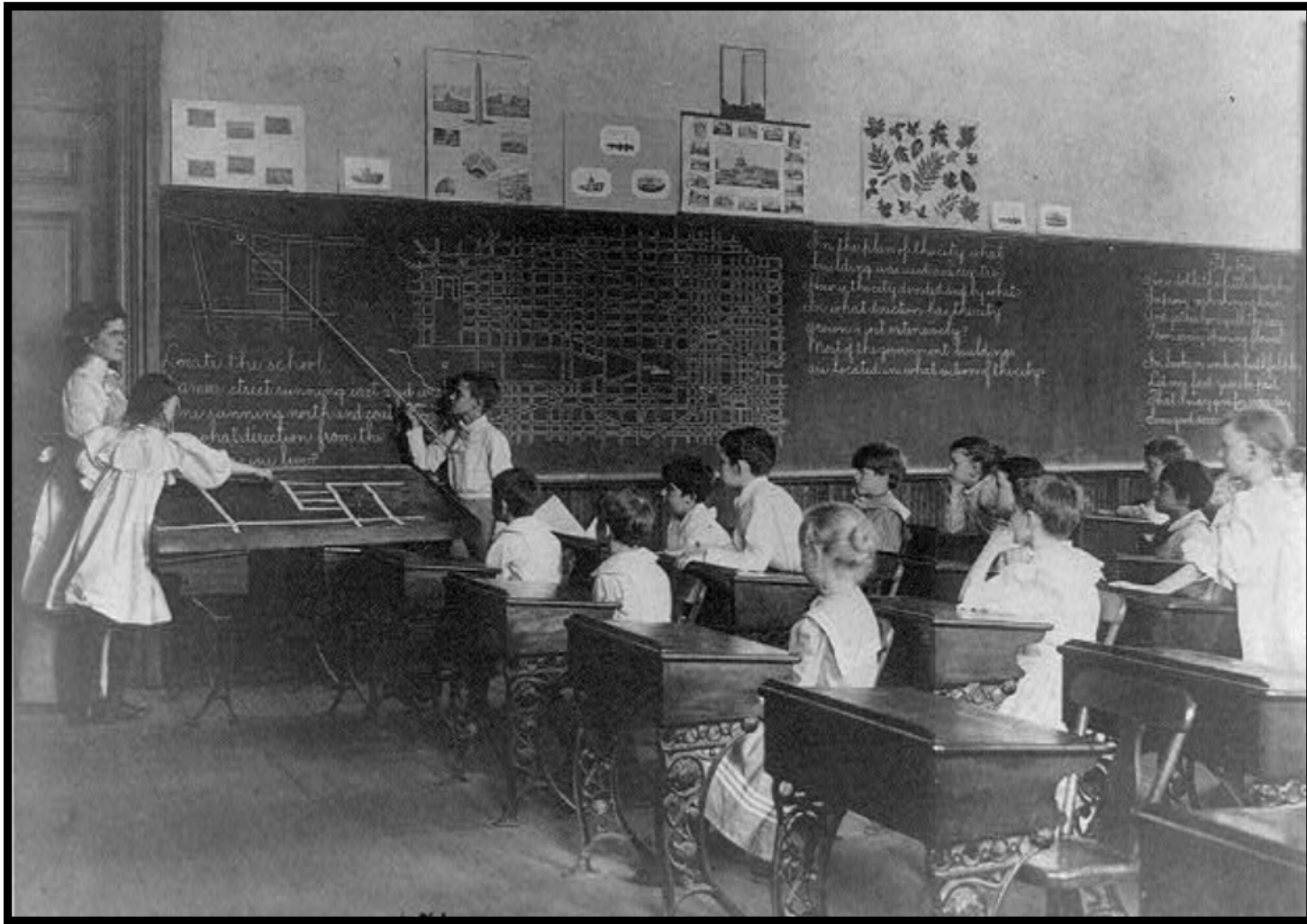
Sometimes Clara sleeps late. Her mama says, “Time to feed the chickens.” All kids sleep late sometimes.



Maria uses a computer at school.



Keith uses a pencil and paper.



Students are looking at a map of Washington, D.C. on the blackboard.

At Clara's school, everyone uses one big blackboard.



But Maria loves recess.
She plays soccer with her friends.



Keith loves recess.
He plays softball with his friends.



Clara loves recess. She plays a game with her friends.
It is called capture the flag. Most children love recess.



After school, Maria helps her dad. They shop.
They scan their food. They pay with a credit card.



Keith and his mom pay the store clerk.
They give her money.



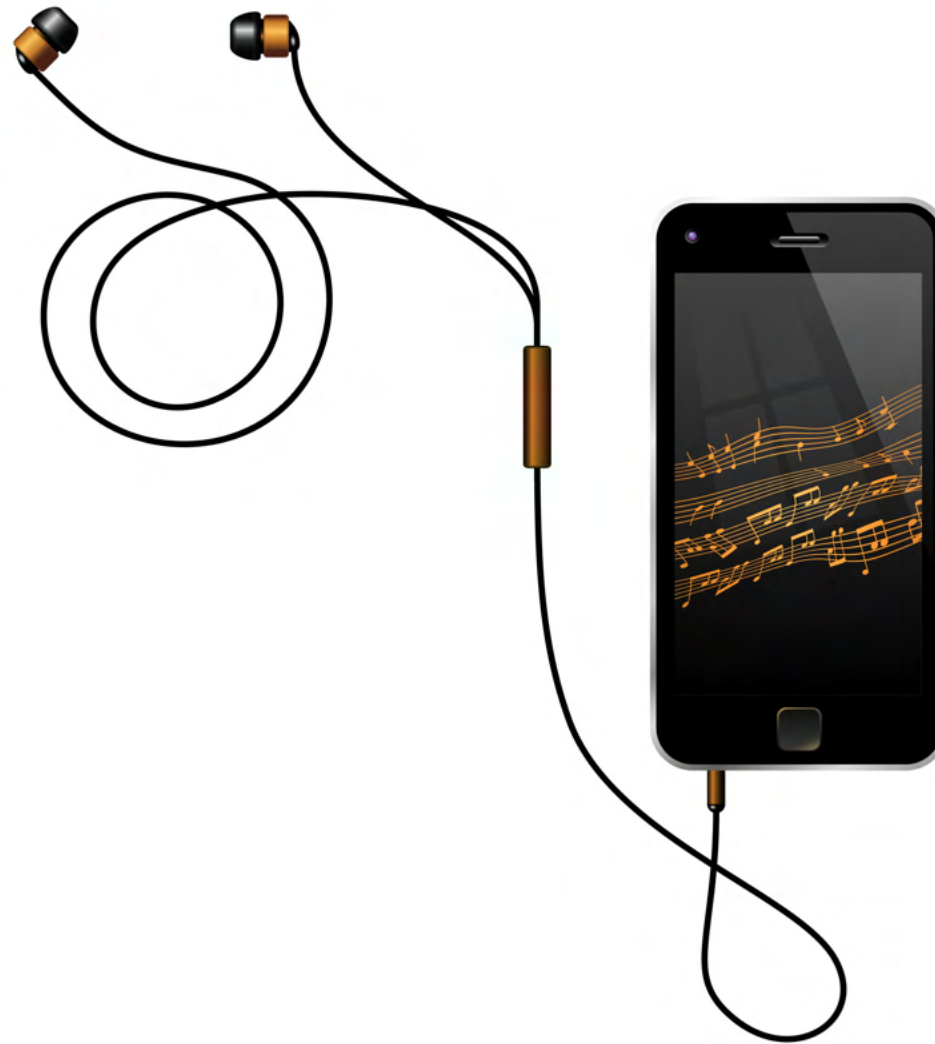
Clara's family doesn't buy vegetables.
They grow outside her house.



They get their food in different ways.
But everyone likes to eat together...



...with family and friends.



After dinner, Maria listens to music.
She uses her ear buds and a smartphone.



Keith puts a record on the record player.
Then he can hear his favorite tunes.



Clara doesn't have a smartphone or a record player.
She plays the piano and sings.



But Keith likes to play his new guitar and sing, too.



Maria likes to play drums.



Sometimes the best music is still
the kind you make yourself.



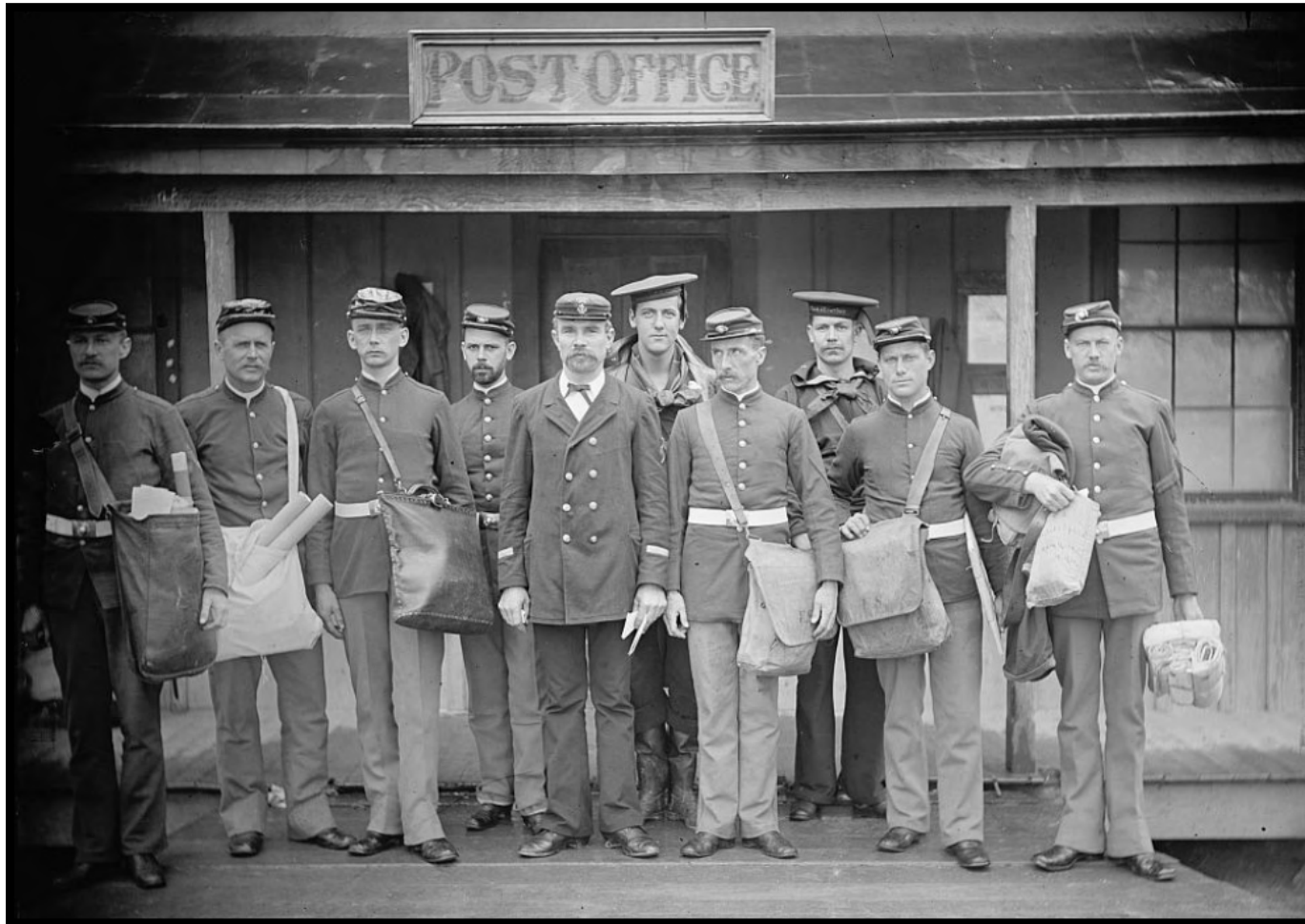
Before bed, Maria and her dad
video chat with her grandparents.



Keith dials the phone to call his grandparents.



Clara writes a letter to her grandparents.



Did You Know?



Every letter
needs a stamp.
**In 1890
a stamp cost
2 cents.
A stamp costs
55 cents
in 2020.**

She brings it to the Post Office.



A mail bag with letters to be delivered would have been thrown out of a car like this one. That way a train didn't have to stop at every station.

She knows that the mail car on the train will take it.
They will get it in a week or two. She thinks that's fast!



Kids talk to their grandparents in different ways.
But they can all ask the same question.
“Hey, Grandma and Grandpa, what was it like
when you were a kid?”



What things were different?
What things were the same?



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