

Consider the following question: Why is the life of an ordinary boy or girl important in history? You might discuss school, clothing, sports, music, or work.

A DAY in the LIFE OF AN EARLY SETTLER

In the past, children's' activities varied greatly from those of today. Boys and girls worked just as hard as their parents did each day. Girls began knitting and sewing before they were old enough for school. Even boys learned how to knit their own mitts, socks, and gloves for the winter.

Think about what activities you do on a regular school day and those you do on a Saturday or a Sunday. Do some research to learn what you would have done on these days if you were born in the 1840s. How are the two lists different and how are they the same?

	Life Today	Life in the 1840's
School Day Activities		
Weekend Activities		