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I would rather go to a regular school than a one room schoolhouse. In a one room schoolhouse, it is harder to learn with one teacher and many grades. Also, one room school houses do not have the technology we have today and older students have to help with the younger students and do other work. One room school houses are very different from the schools we have today.

In a one room schoolhouse you cannot do any sports or clubs because there are not enough kids for that. If you were going to have a basketball team, then there would be older and younger kids on it because one room schoolhouses usually only have about ten kids. To make one club, then everybody would have to participate.

I think it would be more slow-moving in a one room schoolhouse. I think there would be a lot of waiting around because there is only one teacher teaching several grades. If there are several grades, then there are several different levels of learning. The teacher would have to teach all of those levels. When learning in a one room schoolhouse, I also would not have as many friends my age. I like to have friends my age because then they may like the same things as me. It may be harder to become friends with somebody younger than me.

Students in a one room schoolhouse also have to work or help inside of it. If you are going to school, then you are really going to work at the same time. You have to get firewood some times, and if you are older you may have to help the younger students. What if they are only a little bit younger than you? Maybe you don't understand what they are doing.

If you are in a one room schoolhouse there is also not the technology we have today. Instead of a computer and mouse, you would use a slate and chalk. You can't just go on the internet, and go to a bunch of different websites. All you can do is practice problems with the teacher. There also are no other special classes such as art or gym. There is only one teacher who teaches three specials. The only three specials are reading, writing, and arithmetic.

I think it would be very hard to learn in a one room schoolhouse. There are many reasons that I would not want to go to school there. I am very relieved that I am alive now and not back then. That is why I would rather go to normal school like we have today.