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One Room for Me!

If I had to pick either to learn in a one-room schoolhouse or a modern-day school, I would pick a one-room schoolhouse. In this essay I will tell you why and my feelings about it. One reason I would pick a one-room schoolhouse is that I think it would be really fun to write on a slate. I like slates because they are portable and erasable. Another reason I would like learning in a one-room school house is that there are less people. This would be nice, because you can most likely be friends with everybody in the school. In a modern school you are usually only friends with the people in your grade, but in a one-room school you get to be friends with kids of different ages. The coolest thing to me about a one-room schoolhouse, is that the teacher teaches all of the kids the same things. The older kids can help tutor the younger kids. I think this is good because you learn more as you help other people and students can progress at their own speed.

Another awesome reason I would pick to learn in a one-room schoolhouse is because my grandpa, my great grandpa, and my great, great grandpa all went to the same one-room schoolhouse in Wisconsin. My grandpa only went there for first grade, but he remembers there being no more than eight students per grade and having to take turns using the big chalkboard. My great grandpa always joked about being the valedictorian at graduation, since he was the only person in his twelfth-grade class.

As you can see, there are many good reasons to choose to learn in a one-room schoolhouse. Even though I do not think I will ever get the chance, it was fun to imagine what it might be like.