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At my school we have an old one-room schoolhouse. In new and modern schools, we have electronics, books, and pretty much everything we need. If I had to choose where and when I went to school. I would pick my school now. The reason I wouldn't want to go to the one-room schoolhouse for school is because school is so great right now and I feel that I'm getting a great education. I'm fortunate to have a bus, a teacher that cares, and electronics. I wouldn't want to go to the one-room schoolhouse because it WAS less fortunate then.

In this school right now, I feel that the teacher gives each student attention. With the one room schoolhouse you probably wouldn't get any special attention or as much help as we get now. We get to go to the cafeteria and eat a hot lunch with our friends. Back then they had to travel home for lunch. We have sports, like cross country, and baseball. We also have clubs, like art club, and student council. This is a plus because I like these activities and I want the option to do them. The one-room schoolhouse wouldn't have these things. Without all these things I'm not sure I would enjoy school as much as I do now. There are many reasons why I choose school now but really all that matters is getting an education.

We also have specials now. Like, Art, Music, Steam, and Advisory. These new subjects inspire children and make school more enjoyable. All grades have their own classrooms. With mixed grades in one classroom, I definitely think it would be confusing. Maybe distracting too, but I think it's best that every grade/class has a different teacher and classroom. Back then in the 1800s and 1900s, school only had a few subjects. Reading, Writing and Math/Arithmetic. Now, we learn Spanish, Science, and Social Studies. That's not counting the other special subjects. In the one-room schoolhouse they taught the bare minimum of subjects. So, that means the education is not as good as it is now, and who doesn't want a better education?!

In conclusion, school now is much better than the one-room schoolhouse in my opinion. I definitely think that it would be cool to go back in time and see what it was like. But I love my school now and I wouldn't want to go back in time forever. So, overall, I choose school now over the one-room schoolhouse.